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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

TWELVE QUESTIONS GIVEN TO MR. BRYAN TO ANSWER

HOLDS FUTURE IN HIS OWN HANDS

National Baptist Convention to Meet at Memphis in September--New Problem in A. M. E. Camp--The Ohio Exposition.

Staff Correspondence:

Mr. Bryan is to sound a "keynote." We are glad to hear it. The plain people of this country always rejoice when men in high place and of positive influence in the councils of a great party are willing to come out of hiding and candidly state their honest convictions upon the questions of the day, and to let the voters know just what to expect should the reins of government be entrusted to their hands for a season.

Most of us are familiar with Mr. Bryan's position on a number of stock issues, some of which are not issues at this time. The Nebraskan is not backward in speech, and in the past ten years he has managed to let the world into his confidence on many topics of political, economic, social and religious tenor, barring a few indefinite platitudes that might mean much or little according to the individual interpretation, he has been as silent as the grave upon the much-mooted race problem. What does Mr. Bryan think of the Negro and his perennial claim to the right, title and state of American citizenship? He is almost certain to be a candidate for the suffrages of the American people two years hence. The Negro question is nearest the popular heart than the tariff, trusts or government ownership, and to North, East, South and West, his views upon this intricate, delicate and paradoxical problem will be awaited with breathless anxiety. We bring this matter up at this hour that his eye may rest upon these pages in advance of his continental journey, with ample opportunity to give the subject calm reflection and exhaustive investigation before committing himself irrevocably. When he mounts the rostrum for his much-heralded "keynote," we shall be very glad if Mr. Bryan will include in his declaration of principles some frank, clear and unequivocal deliverance touching these leading questions:

Mr. Bryan, take the stand! The people are asking—

1. Do you agree with Tillman, Money, Vardaman, Jeff Davis and Joe Bailey that the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Federal Constitution are a failure, and that the Negro is not fitted to exercise the functions of an American citizen?

2. Do you believe in the "equality of all men before the law," in the face of your party's open repudiation of that doctrine, as far as the black man is concerned?

3. Are you in sympathy with the "grandfather clause" in the Southern constitutions, which bring to the front class legislation of the worst type—bearing in mind your repeated denunciation of class legislation as destructive to the true democratic-republican principle of government?

4. Would you, if elected president, continue to advocate government ownership of railroads, despite the agonized cry of John Sharp Williams and his bourbon cohorts, that such a policy would sound the death-knell of the "jim crow" car?

5. Would you, if elected president, reiterate the Rooseveltian doctrine of "a square deal for all," regardless of color, creed or condition?

6. Would you, if elected president, be as generous as Grover Cleveland was in the distribution of the patronage of the government among your colored constituents?

7. Would you denounce lynching as murder in the first degree, and utilize the full power of the federal authority to punish?

8. Would you, if elected president, be as scrupulous in the matter of recognizing the fraudently-elected Senators and Representatives from the rotton boroughs of the South as you are now about the continuance of the fraudulently-elected Roger Sullivan on the democratic national committee?

8. Would you denounce lynching as murder in the first degree, and bring the moral and physical force of your administration, as far as you were able, to the work of upholding the regularly-constituted officers of the law and in bringing the murderers to justice?

9. Are you in favor of a qualified suffrage that operates to protect the ballott-box from the white illiterate as well as against the black illiterate?

10. Would you, if elected president, make a practice of appointing southerners to positions in the colonial service where they would be called upon to interpret the laws and establish customs for the darker races, against whom they are known to entertain a bitter and implacable prejudice?

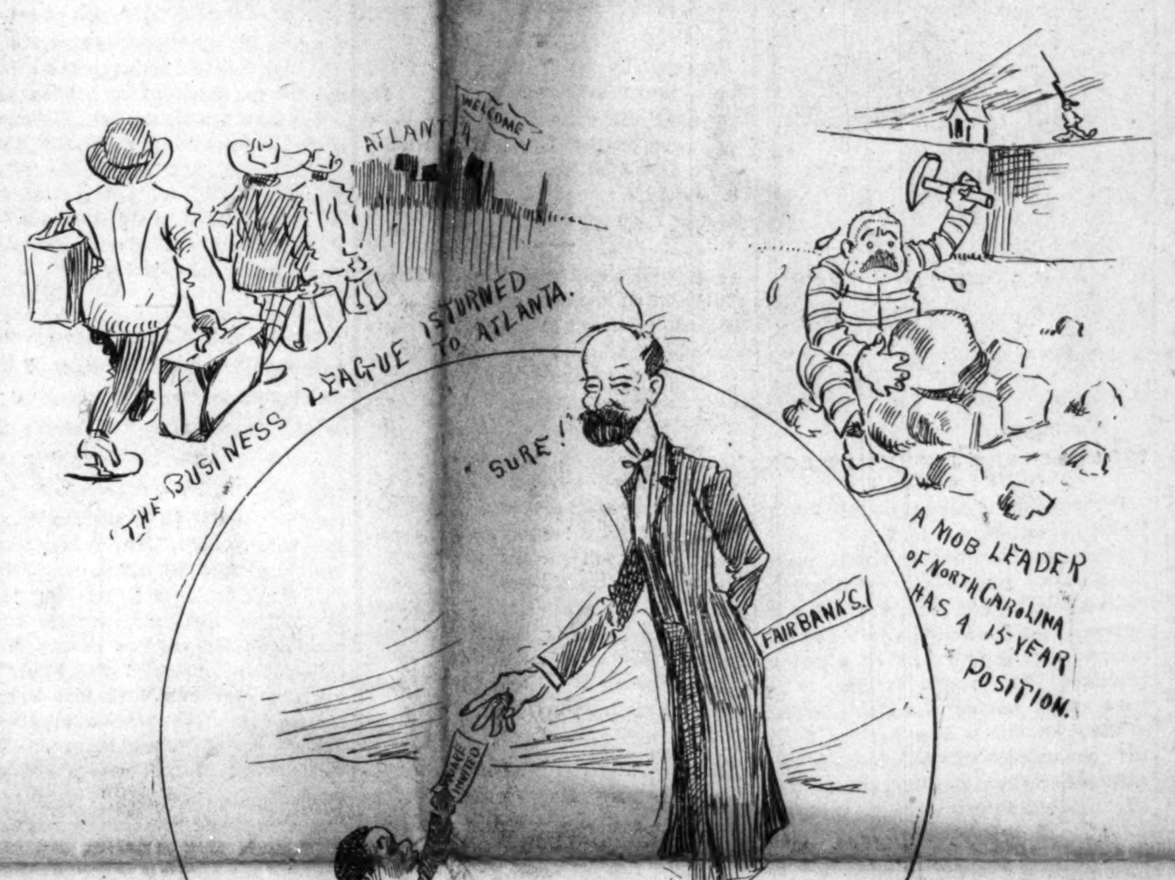
11. If commissioned to occupy the White House, would you surround yourself with advisers of the Tillman-Bailey-Vardaman-Jeff Davis-Heflin type of democrats, or would you take counsel with the decent, upright, broad-minded democracy of the national stature, such as George Gray, Grover Cleveland, George Foster Peabody, John R. McLean, Tom L. Johnson, Thomas Taggart, David R. Francis, Carter H. Harrison, W. L. Douglas, George B. McClellan, Richard Olney and Benj. F. Shively?

12. Would you, if elected president, give your personal and immediate attention to the widespread charge that the departments at Washington are honey-combed with race prejudice, and that the Negro clerks are denied promotions, that heads of divisions segregate Negro employees, and that there is a studied effort to discourage the appointment of Negroes in every branch of the classified service?

Here are handed out a round dozen nuts for Mr. Bryan to crack at his leisure, prior to the delivery of the great keynote at Kansas City next month. Ten millions of Negroes are feverishly counting the days, hoping that a new Messiah may be incarnated somehow, to make up for the negligence of the reputed friends of the race who have sat silently in their seats on the floor of Congress while the enemies of the race have stolen our liberties, representation and political capital—one by one—until to-day we are almost fittingly described by a leading journal as a people "without political friends or party standing." Mr. Bryan is a strong man in many respects. That he is better than the mass of his party, thousands of Negroes are willing to believe—if perpermitted by the course of events to do so. The erstwhile democrat "counterpart of President Roosevelt" has it within his own hands to make himself "solid" with that increasing element of the colored voters who think with Secretary Taft and other eminent republicans, that a scientific division of the Negro vote would conduce to relieve the tension of the color line in politics—or, he can decide, by ignoring the Negro question entirely, confess that he is satisfied to have the Negro vote remain a solid asset of the republican party, in sheer self-defense. Mr. Bryan's past will not figure. All shortcomings and ill-fated promulgations of the decade now closing will be cheerfully overlooked, if he will but stand up for the right from now on. His record on the race question will be considered as having begun when he sounds his clarion keynote by the gurgling banks of the Kaw. If Mr. Bryan would keep up the alleged analogy between himself and Mr. Roosevelt for human smypathy and lofty Americanism, for fearless enunciation of the sentiments nearest to his heart, he has a splendid opportunity to take equally high ground on what is to the Negro millions the paramount issue in the political annals of this generation.

President E. C. Morris and his able assistants are preparing a magnificent program for the National Baptist Convention, which is to assemble September 12 at Memphis, Tenn., a veritable stronghold of the Baptist faith. Matters of much weight will come before the body for settlement, and the session promises to be historic in every respect. On the evening of the 13th, at Church's Park, a banner meeting will be held at which time Dr. Booker T. Washington will speak, and Mrs B. Maie Boyd, "the sweet singer of Jacksonville, Ill., will render the classic obligato from "The Inflammatus," and other high-grade musical selections. An attendance of fully 10,000 is expected at the Convention this year. As yet, no opposition to the re-election of Dr. E. C. Morris as president has appeared.

SOME AUGUST EVENTS.



It is announced as a feature of the policy of the National Afro-American Council that some of the tactics now being employed by the American Federation of Labor will be put into operation. Corresponding Secretary L. G. Jordan plans to keep tab on the attitude of every candidate for Congress this year upon the questions involving the citizen rights of the Negro. The Council, as he looks at it, has no "politics;" parties are mere instruments through which remedial legislation may be secured, and the members thereof must stand upon the records shown by their votes upon measures we regard as vital to the well-being of our oppressed and outraged people. If parties will not act in their capacity as organizations, then individuals will be appealed to, and supported according to the satisfaction they give as to their loyalty to the principle of "equality of all men before the law." The Council wants the friends of the race in Congress and in the State legislatures, regardless of the party in which they may perchance claim membership. Dr. Jordan would be glad to correspond with reliable colored men in districts where the Negro vote, at normal elections, is practically the balance of power between the two great parties. Another race that bids fair to create a sensation in some quarters is the plain statement that if active participation in the work of the Council is apt to prove embarrassing to those who hold official positions under the government, such office-holders are requested to step down and out, as the goal for which the Council is striving is too vital to the race to be side-tracked to promote the selfish interests of a few men who happen to be under obligations to a political party. There is no disposition to jeopardize the federal job held by any man, and if he is so situated that he cannot serve the Council as an officer and retain the place where he earns his bread and butter, it is better for him to relinquish his office in the Council, for he may be called upon to take a stand that will rank him as "irregular" in his party relations, in certain contingencies. Secretary Jordan intimated pretty decisively to ye Scribe that the Council wanted on guard only the men who are in a position to fight the battles of the race, without fear or favor. He thinks the best way for the Council to "play politics" is to be entirely independent of parties, factions, cliques or clans—holding aloft the banner of manhood rights and equality of citizenship, and following it regardless of the political camp into which it may lead. All parties are anxious to reckon with classes which give evidence of self-reliance and rigidity of back bone.

At least one of the problems that have caused the dignitaries of the A. M. E. Connection to lose a great deal of sleep, can be amicably adjusted, if the brethren will but approach the situation in a spirit of mutual concession. We pass reverentially over the mighty Graham controversy, and tread lightly upon the Ransom incident, as well as other monumental issues and proceed at once to the "arousements." A wordly-wise Tennessee correspondent writes us of the necessity of a change in the office of secretary of the Sunday-School Union at Nashville. No charges are made against the present incumbent, Dr. W. D. Chappelle, but it is broadly hinted that such a position calls for knowledge of a technical character, and the secretary there should be a practical printer of large experience. Able as Dr. Chappelle may be as a preacher of the Word and as painstaking as he may have been in the conduct of the office he has held for a number of years, the interests of the church, thinks our correspondent, would be best subserved by the election of a young man of the type of Ira T. Bryant, while Dr. Chappelle's line of promotion lies toward the Bishopric. Again, it is pointed out that Dr. A. J. Carey, known as a financier of the first water, and who is said to be a candidate for Dr. Chappelle's shoes, is more urgently needed at the Philadelphia publishing house than at Nashville. Since no one has asked for the office of business manager at Philadelphia, it is suggested that Dr. Carey transfer his candidacy to that place, leaving the Nashville house for Mr. Bryant. To complete the "round table," the plan carries with it the proviso that the friends of both Bryant and Carey put their shoulders to the wheel and land Chappelle on the Episcopal bench. This strikes us as a perfectly feasible plan, and as we said before, if the brethren will but approach the situation in a spirit of pure Christianity, they need lose no further sleep over this particular problem. Our Tennessee savant is on the right track.

It costs nothing to venture a forecast of the result of the balloting for some of the general officers at the next general conference of the A. M. E. Church. Here is the "guess" of a prominent divine who lives down in Texas. He gives himself room to "wabble" in, but as there are no rules governing these incursions into the realm of proplecy, a guesser can have all the latitude he wants. He says there will be three Bishops made, and they will come from this bunch of nine: Drs. E. W. Lampton, H. T. Johnson, H. B. Parks, T. W. Henderson, J. S. Flipper, W. D. Chappelle, J. M. Conner, L. H. Reynolds and Joshua H. Jones; for financial secretary, John F. Hurst or E. W. Lee; secretary of church extension, B. F. Watson; editor of the Christian Recorder, J. G. Robinson, L. E. Christy or A. L. Gaines; editor A. M. E. Church Review, H. T. Kealing; secretary of missions, D. P. Roberts, G. W. Beckett or J. H. Welch; secretary Allen Christian Endeavor, P. W. Walls; for manager of Book Concern, (Philadelphia), A. J. Carey; for secretary Sunday-School Union, Ira T. Bryant; for secretary of education, John R. Hawkins or R. D. Stinson. The same wide-range guesser gives it as his opinion that the tentative candidacy of D. P. Roberts for the Bishopric means that Dr. J. M. Townsend is down and out for good, and that his laurels and penates will go to Roberts for what they are worth; says Roberts will succeed Parks this time, and go to the bench in 1912. The withdrawal of Dr. Townsend, however, is denied by a well-informed correspondent in the East, who claims to be in the confidence of the genial Indianian and the hint is rather broadly given that Dr. Roberts will have to mount the ladder by the general office route, as most of the present episcopates have done. The Texan prognosticator gives A. R. Scott, of the Lone Star State, a cordial "hand" for financial secretary, in addition to the list already given, but says he has a "hunch" that the

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A MILLION FOR DEFENSE

IMMENSE PROTECTIVE FUND STARTED BY THE COUNCIL

JUOGE J. H. CHOATE MAY ASSIST

Disfranchising Constitutions of South to be Tested Before the Supreme Court--Star Actors Willing to Help--General Notes

Special Correspondence.

Louisville, Ky., August 20.—Dr. L. G. Jordan, the energetic and optimistic corresponding secretary of the National Afro-American Council, has returned from New York encouraged beyond measure by the deep interest manifested in the work of the organization by the solid men of the Empire State. Two monster mass meetings were held. Both were largely attended, and eloquent speeches were made by Bishop Alexander Walters, the magnetic president, Collector C. W. Anderson, and the leading ministers, professional and business forces of the vicinity. Liberal collections were also taken up for incidental expenses, such as postage for the sending out of appeals, circulars, etc., and for legitimate press service. A benefit entertainment is talked of, to be given while New York is full of star actors, such as Ernest Hogan, Williams and Walker, Marion Smart, Cole and Johnson, Sam Lucas and other luminaries of the Thespian world. All of them have signified their willingness to assist in the labor of race protection, for, as Mr. Hogan has very aptly remarked, no class of Negroes suffer more by reason of color discrimination than the theatrical people, who must be on the road constantly, and must depend upon public places for their accommodation. When they "make" a town where Negroes cannot stop at hotels conducted by whites, and there are no suitable boarding houses operated by Negroes, they are—in the vernacular—"up against it, good and hard." So, the actor, even more earnestly than many other classes, is anxious to lend aid to any movement looking toward larger civil rights for the race. If some one in authority will only consult with these estimable represntatives of the theatrical profession, we are sure a grand affair can be arranged for the benefit of the Council, and at least $500 can be added to the treasury for the important work in hand.

Secretary Jordan has sent to Mr. J. C. Napier, cashier of the One Cent Savings Bank at Nashville, Tenn., the national repository of the Afro-American Council, the sum of $6.00, which he raised the other day as the first contribution to the permanent "defense fund,"—the first installment of the $1,000,000 that the organization is planning to raise for the purpose of testing the disfranchising constitutions of the southern states. The finest legal talent in the country will be retained and a properly-drawn case will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. Much store is being set by the significant declaration of Secretary Taft that the "grandfather" clauses of the South's revised constitutions will not stand the test of the 15th amendment. Mr. J. Douglas Wetmore, of New York, the head of the legal department of the Council has a certain test case well in hand, and at the proper time there will appear as associate counsel some of the most brilliant members of the American bar—all of them masters of constitutional law. The meeting there in October promises to be the most important gathering the race had held in a quarter of a century looking to the attainment of its civil and political rights.

At a monster mass meeting at Carnegie Institute, New York, October [illegible], under the auspices of the National Afro-American Council and as the closing demonstation of its ninth annual session, such eminent advocates of human rights and equality of American citizenship as Ex-Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, Frank S. Black, John E. Milholland, Booker T. Washington, Oswald Garrison Villard, Gov. A. E. Pillsbury, and possibly Grover Cleveland and William Lloyd Garrison, will be heard in support of the Negro's claim for that which is his under the constitution and laws of the land.

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of women. Address all communications to "Dorothy," The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

Training School for Girls. In 1901. at the first meeting of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention at Cincinnati, Miss Nannie H Burroughs, the corresponding secretary, made the first appeal for a National Training School for Women and Girls. She has been working steadily every since for th s cause and now, with the assistance of others her hopes and plans are maturing. A large committee has been formed and it is probable that the school will be founded at Indianapolis. In this progressive era when the cry is for "people who know how to do things," and unless they are taught, how are they to know? Miss Burroughs' very strict observations have led her to know the condition of affairs among our women; that they are not only unfitted to give service to others but are unable to make their own homes what they should be, and she will be known as the founder of the Training School for Women and Girls, a blessing to women.

Camp for Convalescents The Woman's Improvement Club at Indianapolis has just opened a camp for convalescents at Oak Hill, for women and children unable to take an outing. The experiment was tried last year and proved quite satisfactory, although the season was short and this year there has been some delay in opening. It is hoped that by sincere and hard work by the members of the club and the proper encouragement and help from the public, they will be able to open next year at the beginning of the heated term and give relief to the worthy sufferers throughout the season.

A Proposal Book. A young belle of East Oakland. California, has invented a new fad for romatically inclined girls· She has procured photographs of every place she has ever received a proposal of marriage, and she keeps the photograph of these hallowed places mounted in a handsome souvenir album. Written under each picture is the brief story of the proposal, the name of the proposer and the date. At the close of each succinct entry so far on the record is the explicit word. "No" To date her album shows ten photographs, most of them having been taken in romatic places, which perhaps account for the proposals.

Some ladies of Kansas City, Kans., have organized a millinery and hair dressing establishment at the M. and O. hall norner Eighth and Washington avenue. Rev. O. A. Davis is the promoter and manager. A fancy line of hats and hair goods are always on hand, and work in trimming, re-shaping and making ladies' headwear is tastefully and artistically done.

A colored woman at Washington, is the proud owner of a kitten given her by the President. Recently the president was walking up Fifteenth street when a small black kitten crossed his path pursued by two savage dogs. He interrupted the chase with his umbrella which gave the kitchen a chance to take refnge in a nearby tree. He took the kitten and tried to find a owner and failing he gave it to a colored woman.

A million dollars was offered recently for the name and formula of a toilet preparation. The average man little realizes the amount of money that women spend yearly for cosmetics and beautifying lotions. Immense fortunes have been made and are still being made in the manusacture of preparations for the complexions·

Matrimonial tickets are supplied by the Canadian Pacific railway to those settlers in the Northwest Territory who wish to make a journey in order to get married, and on presenting the return coupon and a marriage certificate, a man is entitled to free transport for his bride.

"The Missionary Searchlight" the official organ of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary and Mite Missionary Society is edited by Miss Laura P. Lemon·

Mrs. John B. Snowden at Lexington has a successful millinery trade among both races·

We call the attention of the women readers of these columns to the Pattern Department in connection with the Woman's World. We are placing good patterns within the reach of all at a small price. They are up-to-date and reliable, giving full instructions for using them. Ladies who do their own sewing will find that they answer the in every particular.

The Elite Patterns.

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This mode would develop very nicely in taffeta, panama, brilliantine, voile, mohair, or any light suitings trimmed with braid or lace. Buttons covered with materials same as the gown are being used for trimming a great deal, and stitching gives the requiaed tailor finish.

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St. Petersburg is to have a free university for women next autumn·

The women of Wenatchee, Wash., have formed a local floral association for the purpose of introducing plant and flower culture into many homes, and it has been a great success.

"When did you first become acquainted with your husband?" "The first time I asked him for money after we were married."

Though woman's curiosity is strong her sense of honor is as keen as that of any chevalier of old romance, no matter what the humorists say.

A good camphor ice that is a foe to sunburn, chapped hands, etc, is made of two ounces of refined lamb tallow and a piece gum camphor as large as a good sized English walnut. Melt them together.

Kerosene is very useful and does wonders for many a housekeeper. A soft cloth moistened with it and used on the furniture in regular dustings will brighten the wood. Many laundresses put a little into the water in which soiled clothing are soaked and a little added to the starch will keep the irons from sticking. It is also good for cleaning enameled bedsteads, etc.

Robert and William Turner are the leading truck farmers in Shawnee County, Kans.

J. Mordecai Allen, the poet, of Topeka, Kansas will receive his book from the publisher in a few days.

The Western Negro Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Colorado Springs, September 21 and 22. All newspapers west of the Mississippi will be represented·

J. S. Moten has written a book, "What thh Graduates of Lincoln Institute are Doning." The introduction is written by Hon. W. T. Carrington, the State Superintendent of Missouri.

Sergeant Logan of the Ninth Cavalry made the best individual score in the four days' rifle competition of the regular army of the Northern Division, which ended at Ft. Sheridan August 13. Logan's record was 779 out of a possible 1,000 points.

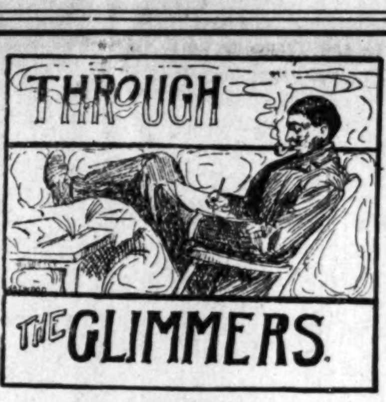
James Holt, at North Topeka, Kans., a large truck farmer owns 120 acres of land and carries to market daily over a ton of cucumbers. He sold over 700 crates of strawberries and raspberries this year and cleared several hundred dollars.

The board of directors of the Industrial Savings and Investment Association, at Indianapolis, Ind., have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: G. W. Cable, president; B. F. Wade, vice-president; H. L. Sanders, treasurer; Seymour Miller, superintendent; Roxie H. Bell, secretary. Other members of the board are James West, Lewis Logan Ulysses Turner.

It has been the understanding in Texas that the Negro regular troops are not to be sent to Camp Mabey at Austin during the time that white militiamen are in camp and that they would be kept on the border until such time as only the regulars remained in camp. Adjt. Gen. Hulen reported to the War Department that this would be the wisest course. as it was feared that trouble would result if the Negroes were in camp with white militia. men from Texas, Louisiana or the Territories.

Henry Pearson, the proprietor of the Royal Victoria Hotel at Asheville, N. C, has brought suit against the Hill Directory Company, of Richmond, Va., and the Hackney and Moate Printing Co., of Ashville. Pearson has been listed in the directory as a white man and says that his character and business have been damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. The complaint is drawn up by Frank Carter, his attorney. "I am a Negro," says Pearson, "and I don't propose to stand for being clasped as a white man." The Victoria is run exclusively for the accommodation of Negroes.

Battey and Warren have opened up a photograph studio at New York in costly equipped apartments on Eighth avenue near Thirty-fifth street. They are turning out photographic work that cah not be duplicated from the popular price of $2 00 per dozen up to the finest grade. Mr. Battey's most famous picture is the best one of Booker T Washington· Everything is fixed up in the latest style and the accommodations for patrons cannot be excelled at any place of this kind. The opening was held last month and a large crowd of interested admirers were present to offer their congratulations Their rule is prompt service and good work.



BY R. H McDONALD

NIAGARA MOVEMENT.

From what we can learn of this movement its first aim is to oppose the good work of Booker T. Wahington and to kill his influence with the blacks and whites, and why? In a recent issue of a certain colored paper that is not recognized as of much importance and it is always contrary to any thing beneficial to the race, appeared a short paragraph congratulating the people of that city and state for their protest against Dr. Washington. It also states in the same issue that the Afro-American Council adopted the "Niagara Movers" contentions by changing their meeting from Charlotte, N. C., to New York, and it further states that the only meeting of the Council that they ever attended was "the scandalous Tuskegee side-show meeting at Louisville, Ky., etc."

Now, as far as I can see the Niagara Movement has no contentions worth adopting as it seems that their main intentions are "to put Mr. Washington out of business;" and, as to the changing of places, dates and making statements as to their reasons, was not by any means copied or borrowed from this so-called Niagara Movement. The right thinking Negroes of this country endorse the Afro-American Council, not because of its "boasting talk" and not because it is opposing the greatest leader the race has ever known; but, because of its real efforts to benefit the race. And I would like to ask of any member our race that is connected with this so called Movemet, what good is it to the race and what efforts are they putting forth in our behalf?

Any man with common sense endorses Mr. Washington because of his good work. We should well know that we cannot rise up until we get some education to back it; nor can we as a race succeed until we learn to acknowledge one man as leader. As to Dr. Washington not being a college graduate has nothing to do with the great work he is doing and thus far he has shown his ability to do it by the remarbable success he has made. We do not think that the little Niagara Movement is by any means, burdened with college graduates and if so they have totally failed so far to do the race the good that Dr. Washington has done.

Speaking of the only meeting that they attended was at Louisville and it was "a side-show affair," we donot think the promoters of the Afro-American Council shedded any tears because of their vacencies and judging from the way the council is moving on, their room was better than their presence. And their absence does not stop the good cause.

The meetings of the so called "Movement" has never been nationally endorsed and will not be until they show that they are for the uplift and trying to tear down the race. They are set of unknown men nationally seeking to tear down what has been built up and are aggrigating more prejudice between the two races. It is composed of a set of noteriety and office seekers as seen by us at present.

Dr. Washington has gotten along alright so far without their aid and will continue to do so and they can well count "that they don't stop the world from going 'round by their two by four movements to oust Washington." We hope that these few men will see that their narrow-minded ideas are not endorsed nationally and that they will learn to first consult the southern men and find out their wants and needs and spend more time trying to benefit them and devote less time in trying to oust Dr. Washington.

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Every man is advised by our leaders to do business on a "square deal;" but, this message, however, has not as yet reached many of us and we are continuing to do business on the "angle plan" and our angles fail to form a square.

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There are 25,891,936 widows in India according to press reports. Judging from that vast number of widows, we think that it may well be said that men must be in as much demand as they are at the Adamless American summer resorts.

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Some people seem to think that experience is the best teacher, but from what we can hear from a certain state there are a great many who would like to sell theirs a great deal cheaper than it cost them.

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A man with a $20 hat on a 10 cent head walking down the street making a political speech to every man he meets can create more excitement than a band of monkeys on a broom stick.

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Recently a Pittsburg (Pa) bull-dog swallowed $19 73 in money. But, in the face of that a great many people will argue you down that there is no money in dogs.

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Some people will pay back borrowed money, but who will bring back a borrowed book?

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That "open letter" seems to have opened a veritable Pandora's box in Zion circles.

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A change of base will not help the man who will not do his level best where his present lot is cast.

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Help the poor, ignorant white man! He is the biggest stubbling-block in the pathway of Negro aspiration.

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The North Carolina Republicans have given their northern brethren some hard nuts to crack in the fall campaign.

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Literary dornicks and rhetorical invective may satisfy a mob, but they seldom convince the thoughtful.

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If something could be done to regulate the output of the Rev. Charles Satchell Morris' mouth it might help some.

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The sweet girl graduate has found out by this time that life is not the grand, sweet song of adulation that it seemed to be on commencement night.

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The saving habit, acquired while young, permits an indulgence in the resting habit when age has sapped the manly vigor and dimmed the eagle eye

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If Gourdain really wants to break into the "pen," good and strong, he might move to Kentucky, pass himself off as a mulatto and elope with a white girl.

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It is extremely difficult to love as thyself the neighbor next door who finds it necessary to operate his lawn-mower every afternoon near the window where you are trying to enjoy a nap.

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Tailors are still making editors' trousers with pockets in them, but the wherewithal to fill the said pockets is so lacking as to render them more ornamental than useful. Ask the man.

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The right-minded Negro knows "his place." It is the "place" to which he is entitled by virtue of his education, moral quality, material possessions and general civic value—no more, no less.

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How some stunningly-dressed girls can look so clean, sweet and wholesome coming from the untidy home they often do is one of the unsolved mysteries of our social system. Haven't you a case in mind?

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Kentucky is loosening up as the nation's law and order commonwealth. Her law officers, through pure grit and a sturdy show of backbone, prevented at least four lynchings within the past ten days.

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The dispatches announce that burglars have robbed Herr Conreid of a lot of antiquities. The report fails to state whether or not Jay Wesley Cromwell. as Ramesses II, was included in the batch.

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The soil knows no man by the color of his skin, and poultry, milk, butter and eggs, brought to market by a Negro command as ready and as profitable a sale as if they were brought by a white man.

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The true teacher is possessed of a higher motive than to merely draw a salary. The men and women who rag that they are in the school-room only for the money they get out of it, ought to have their licenses revoked.

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Perhaps Jay Wesley Cromwell will plead emotional insanity as an excuse for the "didoes" he and his crowd of insurgents have been kicking up in Bethel Literary and Historical Association at Washington.

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When a no-account white preacher, writer or barrel-house politician finds it necessary to attract attention, he almost invariably seeks the public eye or ear through an extraordinarily venomous attack upon the poor, defenseless Negro.

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"Higher Science" says: "One-third of all the direlicts who apply for aid to the New York Y. M. C. A. are college graduates. Intelligent devotees of the industrial arts have little need for the services of the reformer or the charity fund.

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Anyhow, the Greensboro speech of Secretary Taft drew the fire of the "lily-white" republicans of North Carolina and forced them to show their dirty hands on the "grandfather clause." They confirmed all he said of their hoggish propensities.

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As it is to be presumed there is no "rake-off" for anybody in that $100,000 appropriation for the colored department of the Jamestown Exposition it is of little consequence who enjoys the empty honor of disbursing the fund. The exhibit's the thing.

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The strenuous assertions of Harry Thaw that he is not crazy reminds us that William Monroe Trotter has been making equally strenuous claims along the same line. Thaw was probably temporarily insane, but it is the general impression that he has now recovered his reason.

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As only 4,000 of those $10,000 greenbacks were issued by the Treasury, we have not been able to get a good glimpse of the one intended for our inspection. When Register Vernon gets down to his "ones" and "twos" we shall be able to become familiar with his characteristic signature

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The tightening of the color line in all of the religious bodies that include both races in their membership, gives room for the conclusion that the church, in too many instances, is developing into a mere social organization — to save souls incidently, if they are in "our set."

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The eloquent pleas of the Washington Bee for a working union of the National Afro-American Council and the Niagara Movement smacks of an infringement on a constitution or federation patent that logically belongs to Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford of Cleveland.

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The National Business League believes that the future of the race lies largely in constructive, progressive positive efforts that will convince the world of our worth and ability. It invites the co-operation and the helpful interest of all who sympathize with a program which seeks to benefit the race along such lines as it is working.

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The wise-acres say that unless Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce is elected president of the National Association of Colored Women next time, as a just recompense for the humiliation offered her this year on account of her facial fairness, Miss Elizabeth C. Carter of New Bedford, Mass, is right in line for promotion to the presidency.

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The hole through which Mr. Charles Francis Adams disappeared after the publication of his unfortunate Century article, still gaps ominously as the once admiring populace go by, softly humming the fateful lines of "Ichabod," "23" has its avenging "skidoo" ever ready for witless theorists who maliciously insist that the Negro is incapable of progress.

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The Negro of the South may practice law and medicine; he may teach. preach and edit newspapers; he may engage in commerce, agriculture and all the industries without let or hindrance—yea, more—he is bidden God-speed at anything that looks like work But politics is the one pursuit which the white man—Republican or Democrat—insists upon reserving for himself.

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The largest and handsomest cut presented by the Washington Bee in a decade was that of Dr. James E. Shepard, North Carolina's young leader. He is now rendering splendid service for mankind as field worker among the Negroes of America for the International Sunday School Association. Dr. Shepard's career has already been unusually brilliant and successful, but his best days are yet to come.

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The democratic administration in Boston has appointed Stewart E. Hoyt, a faithful Afro-American follower, to a $1,000 clerkship in the collecting department. The Negro democrats and independent republicans turned the scale in favor of the election of Mayor Barth of Louisville, Ky., and though the administration is many months old, at this writing, no Negro has had nerve enough to go to the City Hall and ask for so much as a job washing windows.

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An inarticulate whisper got into circulation in Jeffersonville, Ind, the other day that a prominent colored man had purchased a home on one of the corners of Chestnut street, in the heart of the fashionable quarter—whereat the Caucasian neighbors—most of them ardent Christian workers—proceeded to have a succession of "duck fits." It turned out that there was nothing in the rumor, but the white folks won't get over their nightmare for a month yet. Some people's religion (?) is a mighty thin garment.

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Bigoted Caucasians still slobber inordinately over the polite "uncle" and "quality-loving" "black mammy" of the ante-bellum period, but have precious few good words to say for the intelligent, dignified, self-reliant and aspiring young Afro-American of the present generation. We revere our forbears, but it must be remembered that the Negro, like white contemporaries, has moved many steps forward with the passing of the years, and he wishes to be respected for his newer status as a man, rather than hear regrets because he is not what his father and mother may have been in "the good old days."

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SPECIAL APPEAL

To Liberty Loving Negroes in all Parts of the United States.

ORGANIZE ORGANIZE ORGANIZE

The tremendous meeting held by the Afro-American Council in New York City, July 25, 1906, is an indication of the great tidal wave of indignation and resentment against the injustices perpetrated daily upon Afro-Americans of this country, and is a hopeful sign on our part that we mean to do something effectual to regain the rights which we have lost.

Secretary of War, Mr. Taft, in his address at Greensboro, N. C., a few days ago declared that the schemes adopted to disfranchise illiterate Afro-Americans without excluding illiterate whites, will not stand the test of the fifteenth amendment. Chief among such schemes is the "grandfather" clause now operative in several of the Southern states.

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, has asserted that the revised Constitutions of the South, if ever properly brought before the Supreme Court, must be declared unstitutional and has expressed his astonishment that the Afro-American people have never effectively utilized this remedy which lies in reach of their hands.

Our duty is to organize, secure friends, employ able talent, white or black, and knock out the grand-father" clause at least. "Heaven helps those who help themselves." If we can obtain from the Supreme Court an opinion that the grandfather clause is illegal, a victory, which profoundly important as it would be, we can by standing together achieve such a manifestation of prosperous enterprise would thrill the North and again enlist its sympathies with us, at the same time strike dismay into those southern politicians who are fattening on the race problem and counting their positions and careers secure because they believe we shall never have manhood enough to drag them face to face with the Federal Constitution.

OPPORTUNE TIME FOR ORGANIZATION

The need of a strong organization through which to make our fight should be apparent to all lovers of the race who know the worth of a united effort through organization. The condition makes it incumbent upon our leaders, ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, business men, newspaper men to lead off in this organization and prepare to fight these injustices to death. A local Council is needed now in every village, town and hamlet in the land.

OUR PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

Any person who has sufficient interest in the race can send invitations to leading Afro-American citizens who are interested in the amelioration of our present condition, to meet in some private house, church or hall, according to the number invited. If as many as ten assemble and are willing to subscribe to the following objects, they can be organized into a local Council.

THE COUNCIL AS ORGANIZED

1 Investigate and make an impartial report of all lynchings and other outrages perpetrated upon Afro-Americans.

2. To assist in testing the constitutionality of laws which are made for the express purpose of oppressing Afro-Americans.

3. To promote the work of securing legislation which in the individual states shall secure to all citizens the rights guaranteed to them by the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

4. To aid in the work of prison reform.

5. To recommend a healthy migration from terror-ridden sections of our land to states where law is more generally respected and maintained.

6. To encourage both industrial and higher education.

7. To promote business enterprises among the people.

8. To educate sentiment on all lines that specially affect our race.

9. To inaugurate and promote plans for the moral elevation of the Afro-American people.

10. To urge the appropriation of school funds by the Federal government, to provide education for citizens who are denied school privileges by discriminating laws.

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Delegates representing organizations of similar plans and purposes can have membership in the National Council by the election of two delegates and the payment of three dollars for each delegate. Religious organizations, academic schools, colleges and Afro-American newspapers can have representation in the National Council upon the same terms.

We earnestly appeal to all organizations that desire representation to see to it at once, that delegates are elected and sent to the National meeting which is to be held in New York City Oct. 9, 10 and 11, 1906.

We prefer to have the ministers and leaders organize local Councils in their churches, lodge rooms, etc., but if they cannot do so, for the sake of our outraged brothers, it is hoped that the churches, societies, etc., as affiliated bodies will take action at once to have representation in the National Council.

A. WALTERS,
Pres. National Afro-American Council.

Facts of Interest. *By Dorothy.*

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About 150,000 persons die every year of tuberculosis in France.

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Twenty-five years ago Berlin had 195 telephones. Today it has 35 000.

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Some Italian steamers make the voyage from Genoa to New York in twelve days.

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In 1904 Denmark sent to England over 85,000 tons of butter valued at $45 000 000.

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A colonial exposition is being held at Metz, Germany, for the purpose of encouraging emigration to the African colonies.

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Hamburg has a library for the blind which was opened a year ago. and already contains 1,685 books and 3,750 volumes of music.

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Last year England had a monopoly of Siberian butter, This year Germany is taking all of it,

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One reason why colonization by Latin races has been so successful is that they intermarry with the natives,

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There are 13 000 miles of new railroad lines under contract of construction at the present time in the United States.

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Germany has 263,517 persons employed in its postal service, a larger number than any other country has

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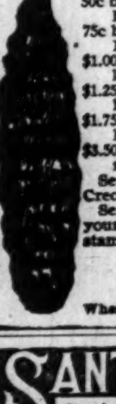

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Independent Voting The Only Hope.

What is known as the Niagara Movement, an association of Negroes, has been holding a convention at Harper's Ferry and seems to have imbibed inspiration from this scene of John Brown's martyrdom. The address to the nation, issued before the adjournment, is a bold and fearless presentation of the cause of the Negro and in its entirety indicates that patience has ceased to be a virtue. That a great light is beginning to break in will be indicated by the following drastic handling of the Republican Party's cowardly backdown on the suffrage question:

"The failure of the Republican party in Congress at the session just closed to redeem its pledge of 1904 with reference to suffrage conditions at the South seems a plain, deliberate and premeditated breach of promise, and stamps that party as guilty of obtaining votes under false pretenses."

This is in line with what The Freeman has been saying for sometime past. Not only on this suffrage question but in other ways the Republican party has been obtaining votes under false pretense. They have been gold-bricking the Negro, but unfortunately the Negro himself has been made to blame by acting as the too-willing "Come-on" at the invitation of these political "green goods" men. The Negro must quit biting at the bait, quit allowing himself to be gulled, if he would reach results. A vote is of value only when used independently and discriminately. If we are going to vote a solid column for the same party until the crack of doom, no matter how much misused or how often kicked, our votes will become a curse instead of a blessing. It is because the race has allowed itself to be converted into a chronic voting machine, working automatically in the same key all the time that it has acquired the hostility of one party and the contempt of the other.

We are glad, therefore, that the managers of the Niagara Movement found the nerve to advise Negroes to quit voting like driven cattle and to begin voting like freemen. A resolution was adopted urging voters to question any candidate for Congress as to his attitude on the fourteenth amendment and to refuse support to such as will not positively promise to support its enforcement. This is well enough as far as it goes, but should be extended to all questions of public interest. In other words our race should not vote in a solid column for every candidate labeled Republican, but should discriminate between men and learn to vote for principle. It is useless to deny that we have lost much more than we have gained by our solidarity. The bitter feeling complained of by the Niagaraites, which of late years has been growing instead of diminishing is due more to this persistent and headstrong tendency of our race than to all the causes combined. Everybody respects an independent, outspoken manly man. Nobody has any regard for the unthinking machine, full of prejudices and superstitions, who allows himself to be led to the polls regularly to vote as told and then cast aside until the next election. It has long been the opinion of The Freeman that herein lies the solution of the main difficulty. A man, to be respected, must learn to think for himself and not let out his thinking to be done on contract by somebody else. Sheep, the silliest of animals, may junmp because they see the leading wether jump, even though it be over a precipice. But surely men, even the most ignorant, should be able to make a better showing than sheep. There should be an awakening all along the line, a readjustment of political conduct and wiser methods adopted in exercising the right of suffrage. The ballot, in the hands of a freeman, is an instrument of great power. But of what avail is it when dropped from the fingers of a timid slave?

Bishop Walters' Call To Arms.

In another column of this issue of The Freeman will be found an eloquent appeal to the Negroes of the nation to organize for their mutual protection, sent out broadcast by Bishop Alexander Walters, president of the National Afro-American Council. He points a way out of our many difficulties. He is a safe and sane leader, and has at his back, in the plans outlined, a host of the best men and women of the race. Read his stirring appeal, and be guided thereby. Race journals in every section are respectfully asked to copy, and eave call standing in their columns.

SOME Southern Negroes are proving quite apt in the art of imitating the desperate methods they see employed by the white toughs with whom they come into contact. A lone Negro captures an L. & N. freight train last week in Alabama, and to "show off," after the manner of the superior race," he compelled the trainmen, at the point of a revolver, to obey his instructions as to when the train should stop and at what rate of speed the engineer should regulate his engine, prolonging the reign of terror from Newcastle to Decatur, a distance of sixty-five miles, when the "bold, bad man" was betrayed by a ruse and arrested. We learn to imitate the vices of the white race far more rapidly than we learn to copy its virtues, but better results might come to the Negroes of the Scuth if they had a larger number of worthy models after which to fashion their lives.

IN New York, Pennsylvania and some other states, a concubine is recognized as the common-law wife of the man in the case. As a result, concubinage is rare between white men and colored women, as the woman has protection under the statutes for herself and possible children. A law of this kind in the southern states would be a blessing to the defenseless colored women of that section, and it is surprising that the white women have not been urging it vigorously all these years, for they, too, are helpless victims of the unholy interracial alliances that flourished during slavery, and exists to too great an ex ent even unto this day.

GOV. VARDAMAN continues to make an ass of himself by urging the election of members to the Mississippi legislature who will pledge themselves to refuse to make appropriations for the education of Negro children. He further exhibits the cloven hoof by announcing that if he is elected United States Senator that he will offer bills to establish jim crow street cars in the District of Colubia and to repeal the 15th amendment. Vardaman's only mission on earth seems to be to serve as a horrible example of how depraved a human being can become through having to live in Mississippi.

CHARGES of peonage have been lodged against officers of the Atlanta-Birmingham Costruction Company, contractors for the Atlantic and Birmingham railroad, and and they are being held by United States Commissioner Brown, of Columbus, Ga. The charge is brought by white laborers carried South from New York some time ago, and they claim that they have been detained unlawfully, and were subjected to threats and abuse. When outrages are successfully perpetrated against Negroes, it is not long before the rights and liberties of white men are placed in jeopardy.

THERE is a colored girl down in Indian Territory, Isabel Lewis by name, who owns all lotment of eighty acres, upon which three oil-gushers eave been struck, yielding 3,000 barrels of oil per day, which means, at the present market rate, an annual income of $237,000, or $650 for daily pin-money. Isabel is under age, but here is a splendid chance for the right man to start in now on a determined courtship siege. Why don't you try?

AFRO-AMERICAN Realty Companies are prospering wherever they are intelligently managed. The demand for homes increases among Negroes with their increase in education and true conception of the demands of good citizenship.

NEVERTHELESS and notwithstanding, we believe the cry that Negro labor is a failure in the canal zone is an unholy one. The canal should be dug by the American black man, whether it suits the unions or not.

INDIANS are allowed in the major baseball leagues, but the barriers are as tight as ever against the black player, no matter how heavy a batter or swift on bases he may be. The fault does not lie with the managers, we are told, but with the anti-social equality notions of the ball-tossers themselves. The magnates are willing to sign any kind of a human being who is likely to increase the winning capacity of their teams.

IF Mr. Bryan is so averse to having fraudulently-elected members on the democratic national committee, he might just as consistently call for the resignation of a job lot of southern democratic members (?) of the National Congress, who hold seats in that body by virtue of outrages and corruption that would make the unsavory Roger Sullivan look like a bungling amateur as a receiver of stolen goods.

THE experts who juggle figures for the Bureau of Labor have discovered, after exhaustive research, that the purchasing power of an hour's toil has increased 1 per cent since the estimate of 1904 was made, We haven't been able to detect the advantage, as yet, but perhaps the one per cent will appear before long in the shape of an additional ounce to a 40-cent beefsteak.

SUNDAY, October 7th, has been set apart by the Afro-American Council as a day of Prayer. Ten million of freemen—and yet slaves—are called to their knees by proclamation of Bishop Walters and Secretary Jordan, to bow before the God who has promised "I will answer while they are yet calling." Let us call earnestly, fervently and continously.

SAYS the Louisville Times: "The Negro club formed to find positions for servants would better first try the scheme of finding servants for the positions." If employers would accord servants, Negro and otherwise, decent treatment and living wages, the positions will not long go begging for competent talent to fill them.

IF the plain citizens around Brownsville, Texas, should allow their angry passions to so get the better of their discretion tha they would attempt to "pull off" a lynching or two of the black boys in blue, there might be a test of the Federal Government vs. the State that would be embarrassing—to say the least.

THERE is absolutely no foundation for the rumor sent out from Washington by irresponsible persons to the effect that Recorder of Deeds Dancy is to be superceded by a patriot from New Jersey. Mr. Dancy will remain where he is as long as Roosevelt is president of the United States.

ALTHOUGH they can doubtless show a legitimate claim to the goods, there are nineteen ecclesiastical gentlemen who evince a decided disinclination to discuss the expenditure of an item aggregating $7,600, appropriated from the general fund for a nice little junket abroad.

SUDDENLY CALLED AWAY.

DEATH OF DR. W. O. VANCE, SOUTHERN INDIANA'S BEST KNOWN PHYSICIAN AND BUSINESS FACTOR.

New Albany, Ind., Aug. 18.—Special—Dr. William Octah Vance, the best known physician in this section of the State and a prominent factor in the business circles of the community, died to-day shortly before noon, after an illness of a very brief duration. His death was due to a complication of diseases. It was wholly unexpected and came as a severe shock to his many acquaintances. He had been a resident of New Albany for twenty five years, occupying the Dr. Burney homestead, 111 E. Elm street, and was about fifty-five years of age. Dr. Vance was a native of Keokuk, Iowa, and graduated from the High School of that city, after which he took special courses in classical branches at the University of Michigan. He came to New Albany in 1881 to assume the principalship of Scribner High School, which position he filled most satisfactory until a few months ago, when he abandoned the schoolroom to devote himself to the practice of medicine and to look after his increasing private business. He was one of the largest property owners among the colored people of New Albany, having by careful investments amassed a fortune estimated at not less than $20,000 In 1888 Dr. Vance graduated from the Louisville National Medical College. In 1895 he won a diploma from the Illinois Medical College, and a year later took post-graduate work at the Chicago Poly-Clinic Institute. He was one of the three founders of the Louisville National Medical College, and was at the time of his death a professor therein and a member of the board of directors. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, United Brothers of Friendship and the Good Samaritans A short time ago he was the active incorporator and promoter of a fraternal insurance society known as "The Cav Dwellers' Life Association," which institution had a highly promising future. The death of Mrs. Della S. Vance, his wife, who was assistant principal of Scribner High School for twelve years, occurred less than a year ago. Dr. Vance is survived by a mother and a brother who, in conjunction with the several secret orders, will have charge of the funeral arrangements The deceased was a wonderfully active man, and in all his dealings was scrupulously honest and conscientious, and in every relation of life was well liked and highly respected by both races. A host of friends, business associates graduates of Scribner High School and the medical profession generally, mourn the loss of a most valuable member of the community which he adorned and invigorated with his genial personality for a quarter of a century.

A MILLION FOR DEFENSE

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Secretary Jordan is giving the lion's share of his time now to the development of a sentiment favorable to the Afro-American Council, and together with the chief officers of the body, is pushing things all along the line. He has unlimited faith in the loyalty of the Negro to his own highest interests, if the race can once be made to understand the value of the work that is being done, and can be impressed with the idea that present sacrifices make for ultimate racial greatness. He wishes it to be distinctly understood that the Million Dollar Defense Fund, of which this $6.00 is the nest-egg, goes for no other purpose than for the actual fighting of the test case before the courts. Not one penny of it is to be used for current or incidental expenses. Contributions, large or small, will be thankfully received. Money should be sent directly to Mr. J. C. Napier at Nashville, who will promptly acknowledge receipt on official card endorsed by the officers of the Council.

Although Dr. Morrow and the trustees of Quinn Chapel have objected to any critism of the appearance of Quinn Chapel on the part of the local press ,it seems difficult to control the opinions of journalists who contribute to the outside papers. The subjoined excerpt from a Louisville letter in the New York Age is a pretty accurate statement of the popular feeling anent the condition of Methodism's foremost temple of worship in the Kentucky cetropolis. Says the Age's correspondent:

"Quinn Chapel, the stronghold of Kentucky Methodism, which was pastored for a number of years by the now Bishop Evans Tyree, stands sadly in need of a new front. The plaster coating is broken in many places, exposing the raw brick, and being dirty and weather-beaten, the whole face presents a very shabby appearance to strangers who come to town expecting something "swell" from a church of which they have heard so much. The building is entirely safe, from a structural standpoint, but it must have a brand-new front if its congregation would have it live up to the proud reputation it has gained abroad."

This is a plain statement of the case and it is well that the truth is out. The proper thing for the pastor and officers of Quinn Chapel is not to go around complaining about criticisms, but to barce up and put a new front on their church. A few hundred dollars, judiciously expended for repairs, would make the church one of the handsomest in the city, and the investment would pay 200 per cent. in renewed zeal and congregational satisfaction.

FALL CITY NOTES.

Miss Mary V. Hicks is visiting Miss Jennie Porter in Cincinnati.

Colored men are steady patrons of the civil service examinaitncs at the Custom House.

Mrs. Mary Robinson Ditheridge, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Robinson.

The new Pearl street school is nearing completion. It will be one of the largest and handsomest buildings in the city.

The local delegation to the National Negro Business League at Atlanta will leave here on the evening of the 27th.

Mrs. E. C. Mershant, wife of Paducah's leading physician and pharmacist, is spending a few days with relatives here.

The Y. M. C. A. has clinched its deal for the elegant new building at 10th and Chestnut streets, and will take possession shortly.

D. L. Knight has had a batch of brand-new white andblue enamel signs manufactured for the wagons of his "Lightning Transfer Line."

No Negro, democrat or independent, has yet been recognized by the Barth administration which the race did so much to place in power at the City Hall.

Miss Sophia E. Johnson is directing the juvenile choir and presiding at the organ of the Church of Our Merciful Savior during the vacation of Miss Charlotte V. Bryant, and is arousing an unprecedented degree of interest among the little singers.

Cary B. Lewis is making an extended tour of Kentucky in the interest of the National Negro Business League, the Peytonia Cook Book and The Freeman. He has visited Danville, Georgetown, Paris, Versailles, Cynthiana, Frankfort, Lexington and other points, and has been most cordially received by the solid citizens therof.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs made a pleasant impression at the Young People's Congress by her eloquent and practical address on "Woman's Work in Social Reform." She has since visited Indianapolis, speaking in behalf of the projected National Training School of Domestic Science which is to be a big thing for colored girls who are obliged to earn their livelihood by household service.

TOM RICHARDSON.

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

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lid is nailed down good and tight on that job by the "syndicate," and that it will be Hurst against the field—with the "field" distanced by several city blocks. As an after thought he says Bishop Turner is out "hot and heavy" for Dr. Thomas Wellington Henderson, because of the remarkable record that that eminent divine has made in New York in handling a maze of ecclesiastical difficulties that has laid more than one Bishop low, and which called for tact and judicial acumen of the highest order, besides doubling the membership and nearly wiping out the enormous debt of the Bethel A. M. E. Church of wicked Gotham. Bishop Turner says "Only strong men for the Bench! Henderson measures up to all requirements." This may be but a straw, but straws tell the direction in which the wind is blowing.

A New York special to the Charleston Advocate conveys the startling information that Mr. Roscoe Conkling Simmons, the erudite editor of the Colored American Magazine, became a benedict August 11th. The lady who is now Mrs Simmons was Miss Mamie E. Dorsey, of Brooklyn, the charming and accomplished daughter of Prof. C. A. Dorsey, a foremost educator, and for many years connected with the schools of the City of Churches. The nuptial knot was tied in the presence of a few personal friends of Bishop Alexander Wtlaers. We hasten to extend congrtulations. The race has no quill-driver more popular nor more strongly equipped for services than Roscoe Conkling Simmons.

Down at Moravain Falls, North Carolina, is published a strikingly original journal called "The Yellow Jacket." It is red-hot republican in politics, and the editor, R. Don Laws, says what he pleases—and then some more, and apparently roesn't care a "kitty" whether anybody likes it or not. Mr. Laws took offff his gloves the other day and thus addresses himself to the democrtic leader of the Lower House of the National Congress:

"John Sharp Williams has discovered a new hobgoblin, and it is about to 'skeer' him to death. He has figured it out that government ownership of railroads would mean goodbye 'jim-crow' cars in the South, and then he would have to ride with the 'niggers.' Gosh, isn't terrible to think about! Johnny is nearly breaking his neck to find William Jennings Bryan and inform him that if he wants the support of the Solid South, he'd better drop government ownership 'purty quick.' But, as Col. Bryan has more than once advocated 'state ownership,' is is thought that a settlement between him and John Sharp can be effected whereby Bryan can preserve his issue, and John his 'jim-crow' car. If there is anything that will scare a southern democrat into conniption fits, it is the thought of having 'nigger domainaiton.' It runs him crazy."

If John Sharp will just take a steady treatment at the hands of the doughty editor of "The Yellow Jacket," maybe he can be 'put next" to himself in a fashion that will do him good.

The Ohio Educational and Industrial Exposition, which opens this week at Columbus, Ohio, bids fair to be the most successful and instructive exhibits of the moral, material and educational progress of the Negro since the famous Atlanta Exposition, which marked an epoch in the history of the race on the American continent. This affair, happily, is not the exploit of any one man, nor is it, in any sense, designed as a means of personal aggrandizement for any set of men. It is a spontaneous expression of the people of the State of Ohio as a whole, and the motives that have inspired it are recognized everywhere as altruistic as well as scientifically constructive. On the opening day, August 25, Vice-President Fairbanks has consented to speak and other addresses will be delivered by Dr. Booker T. Washington, Gov. A. L. Harris, and possibly Senators Foraker and Dick. Others of national reputation, who will come later are Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Register of the Treasurury W. T. Vernon, Dr. M. C. B. Mason, President J. H. Jones, Wilberforce University, Prof. E. W. B. Curry, Prof. W. E. B. DuBois and Mrs. Carrie W. Clifford. The press service is in the hands of the thorough-going Horace D. Slatter, whose ample experience in this line guarantees an illuminating report for the edification of the country. General Director P. W. Chavers is a whole host, and he deserves unstinted praises for the courage, industry and self-sacrificing labor he has brought to this most creditable enterprise. Such an exposition is bound to be of incalcuable benefit to the colored people not only of the State of Ohio, but it will be an eye-opener to the people of the entire republic, whites as well as blacks. This graphic picture of our expanding achievements, of our larger life and loftier character will afford not only a passing entertainment for every man, woman and child who are privileged to view it, but will provide a lasting stimulus for future effort on the part of the millions elsewhere, who will read of it in the current publications of both races. The exposition will continue until the 30th, and we bespeak for it an attendance in keeping with its merits and a measure of success that will stamp FOUR—FREEMAN our masses as a grateful and appreciative people.

"Praise from Sir Rupert, is praise indeed," says on old saw. By the same token, praise for a Negro professional man from a rock-ribbed democratic journal, published in the heart of the South, certainly is praise deserved. One of the leading colored physicians of Decatur, Alabama, whose fame long ago expanded beyond the boundaries of his native State, is Dr. Willis E. Steers. The Decatur Weekly News, edited by Col. Walter M. Grubbs, in a recent issue, ran a lifelike portrait of Dr. Steers, and had the following to say of the man and his work:

"Dr. W. E. Sterrs, the subject of this sketch and whose cut appears above, we speak of in commendation for the good work he has been and is doing in his quiet and modest way for the benefit of his race in thie community. And, too, because 'he proves the possibilities of an Alabama-born Negro of ex-slave parents.' Without going into biography, we will speak of certain recent achievements which now most interest his people in this progressive State and time. In the columns of this paper, November, 1905, we slightly mentioned on operation of hysterectomy performed in that month by Drs. Sterrs, assisted by Dr. George C. Hall, of Chicago. Soon after this, during February of this year, Dr. Sterrs removed a large lipoma from Lee Murphy's wife, of this city. Applications for surgical operations came in so rapidly, until in April, the doctor decided to institute a private infirmary. On April 16, 1906, the Cottage Home Infirmary was opened, next door to Dr. Sterrs' residence on Vine street, west. On the first day of the opening, four delicate operations were performed—one an appendicectomy, one hysterectomy, one ovarectomy and one removal of extra-peritoneal fabroid. The pathological specimen of the avarectomy weighed twenty-six pounds. Last week Dr. Sterrs again went into the abdominal cavity to remove another diseased appendix. Also, last Sunday he performed an operation for gastritis. All the patients are doing well. When we think that it is only the very latest and most modern surgery that permit of laparotomies and success, we commend Dr. Sterrs for his advanced ideas—for keeping abreast of the times and maintaining a position in the front rank of modern surgeons. Of these, many delicate operations, there has not been a single death. Dr. Sterrs' Cottage Home Infirmary is open to visitors from 2 to 4 each afternoon. It has a corps of trained nurses, male and female wards and operating rooms. Its staff is composed of Drs. Sterrs and Boothe, with Dr. George C. Hall, of Chicago, consulting surgeon."

The colored people of the entire South are proud of the splendid success Dr. Sterrs is achieving. They realize, as we all do, that he is solving the "problem" in the right way, and that one career like his is worth more to the race, at this critical period in its history, than a thousand flamboyant speeches by some rattle-brained theorist or unsympathetic demagogue, stirring up sectional strife, with his own cowardly carcass safely encosed in a far-away northern city. Real men do their fighting in the field.

Somebody by the name of N. W. Brown, giving his postoffice address as Berkley, Va., writes a letter to the Washington Record, in which he makes a frantic effort to revive the dead issue of a special Bishop for the A. M. E. work in South Africa. Of his feeble and unconvincing argument, little need be said, for the entire communication bears the earmarks of having been "inspired" by the promoters of a special candidacy, and a candidacy which, by the way, has been discredited long ago by the influential factors of the church of Allen. Here is a sample of Brown's lack of cleverness as a politician, laboring in behalf of his alleged "cause'.' Says he:

"Africa must have special consideration. No little man, hampered by an unfortunate record can hope to successfully grapple with the complex problems that confront our church in South Africa. If they (the candidates) are tyrannical and unsympathetic, we will not ask that the church consider them."

And on top of this summary, the man Brown proceeds to put in nomination as special Bishop to Africa, the Jay Albert Johnson, of Canada and the West Indies, by way of Washington and Baltimore! St. Elizabeth's gloomy portals yawn for this "bughoues" sage from Berkley.

R. W. THOMPCON.

You are not up-to-date if you don't read the Freeman. Nuf Sed.

..SPECIAL NOTICE..

The Seventh Annual Session of the GRAND LODGE of the IMPROVED BENEVOLENT and PROTECTIVE ORDER of ELKS OF THE WORLD will convene at BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 28, 29 and 30, 1906.

OPENING SESSION
August 28.
Welcome addresses and speeches by distinguished orators.
EVENING
Steamboat trip to Coney Island Manhattan Lodge.
DAY SESSION
August 29,
Evening picnic Brooklyn Lodge.
MORNING SESSION,
August 30.
AFTERNOON.
Parade at 1:30 p m.
Evening picnic, Progressive Lodge, Jersey City, N. J.

Lodges desirous of attending will communicate with G. E Bates, No. 26 Exchange Place Jersey City, or David W. Parker, No. 197 West 134th street, New York City.

Every Lady Read This.

Years ago when I was a sufferer, an old nurse told me of a wonderful cure for Leucorrhea, Displacement, Painful Periods, Uterine and Ovarian troubles It cured me in one month. It is a simple harmless lotion that can be prepared by any one having the recipe I will send it Free to every suffering sister who writes to me. I have nothing to sell. This is a case of woman helping woman. I send it Free. Address Mrs. A. B. Hudnut, South Bend, Ind.

The Stage

The new Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco will open shortly after the new year.

Harry Fiddler, the original Hugo, with the Rufus Rastus Company sends regards to friends.

Sidney G. Paris, the well-known Yankee Notion Auctioneer was a caller at The Freeman last week.

R. O. Henderson is en routs over the Novelty Circuit with Golden West Comedy Company and doing well.

The Clermonts have returned from the West and are playing at Inman's Casino, at Coney Island, N. Y.

J. L. Johnson, Hammond, Ind., sends regards to Ras Jones, Sydney Kirkpatrick, Charles McKenzie and all friends.

Harry Crosby, the comedian who has been visiting friends at Indianapolis, left Wednesday for Chicago to fill an engagement at the Pekin Theatre.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrels will make a tour of Europe, Asia, South Africa, Manilla, and Hawaii when their American engagements conclude June 30, '07.

The Georgia Tronbadours are doing a a good business and the members are enjoy ng good health, The company went fishing at Millston, Wis., and caught 42 fine trout.

Manager Bowlby, of the Popular Park Theatre informed a representative of The Freeman that he had secured Rufus Rastus with Ernest Hogan in the title for September 20, 21, 22.

Ervin Sly, the well-known Chicago club man who has been living at French Lick Springs, Ind., accompanied by William Curtis, the well-known St. Louisian was an Indianapolis visitor last week,

T. Baldwin Steward, a school-teacher of St. Joseph Mo., has written a song entitled, "O Soft My Guitar," a serenade of delicate sentiment. It has been pronounced excellent by singers who have seen it.

Black & Jones will enter upon the Orpheum in October, opening at Hammerstein's, New York, the twenty-third, with three weeks at Chicago to follow, and then to the coast. Miss Anna L. Clark, sister of Louis Jones, is visiting them at Coney Island.

Harry Brown and Dolores are in their fourth week at Inman's Theatre at Coney Island, N. Y. The former is stage manager and Miss Dolores has made good in the east as a soprano singer, The act is booked for forty weeks by Mayer and Hodgson of the Keith office.

THE FREEMAN GALLERY

TIM OWSLEY.
The Crazy Comedian Starring with the W. A. Mahara Aggregation.

The asylum's full of lunatics,
Whose ravings are intense,
But you I see, are daffy,
Only for the want of cents,
But then there's other lunies,
That are of this race of Ham'
But then I'm trying poetry,
I,m crazy too, I am,

—Garfield T. Haywood.

To the Profession.—Actors and actresses send me your latest photo today! Address Elwood C, Knox, Man'gr The Freeman, Indianapolis

William and Gertrude Rainey are making a big success with their "Alabama Funmakers" Company. Mr. Rainey is making a hit with his "old man" turn and ' Let Him Without Sin, Cast the First Stone," while Mrs' Rainey is giving, "I'll Be Back in a Minute, and I'll Do the Same for You." Regards to friends.

Thomas Baxter's all star vaudeville company under the personal direction of Prof. John Robinson, is the only colored organization of its kind in Jacksonville, Fla., catering to white and colored people. Among the members are Henderson & Washington, Bonny & Locust, Mabel DeHerde, Dan Robertson, James Hamilton Charles Flemings, Hy Sapero, Verge Deo, Pinky Wallace and L. Brad. Regards to all friends.

It is said that John Lange, who has served twenty six years as business manager of the Blind Boone Concert Company cut the logs and hauled them with oxen, built a house the same day and moved in the house the same night. This happened to Mr, Lange in Columbia, Mo., when the theater was looked upon as the dwelling house of the devil and actors were regarded as sinners for whom there was no salvation. Times have changed.

THE TOPSY ARTIST.

MRS, ROSA SCOTT.

Mrs. Rosa Scott better known as Topsy the famous coon shouter and Richard Scott are still en route with the Great Parker Amusement Company Company. Topsy is singing "Loving Henry" and "Silver Heels," while Richard is making faces singiug, "Bye, Bye, Eva, Bye, Bye," Regards to all friends They wish to hear from W. H. Moore, with the Great Mundy Shows.

Will Able, who since the departure of Tom Logan, is the dean of Louisville's theatrical colony, is blossoming out as a full-fledged manager. Last week he organized a well-rounded group of performers to fill a special engagement at French Lick Springs, where the season is at its height. The company, besides Mr. Able baritone, embraced Miss Nettie Miller, Miss Pollie Tinsley, Messrs. Eddie M. Gray and "Bus" Graves.

The Theodore Drury Grand Opera Company, of New York, was booked for a week's engagement at the Majestic Theatre, Washington, August 6, but dissolved before reaching the capital, and the house remained "dark." Cole & Johnson are there this week in "The Shoo-Fly Regiment." The Majestic bids fair to be the colored "court theatre" of Washington. Among other attractions to appear at the house are Williams & Walker, Ernest Hogan, Black Patti and Kersands Minstrels.

A new team formed at Chicago will be known as Williams & Thomas. George Williams is the well known comedian, formerly of Smart & Williams. Will Thomas is late of Caldwell & Thomas. In joining hands with Thomas Mr Williams has selected a partner that is well fitted to succeed the late Walter Smart as Mr, Thomas is a singer and a fluent conversationalist. They will put on an entirely new sketch in which Mr. Williams will feature his new song "I Knowed You When You Was Poor," and Mr. Thomas will sing, "I've Got a Bone to Pick With You." They have four weeks of park bookings, after which they will commence the regular season, having been booked for 15 weeks solid, opening at Cleveland, and going as far west as Denver. This will be one of the strongest teams out this season. Mr. Thomas is the business member of the team.

Terry's U. T. C. Company. Miss Hattie Garland will close today to visit her mother at Indianapolis. Miss Nettie Barnett sends regards to friends at Chicago. C. W. Bebee is making a big hit singing, "Who's There?" The Beechums are sending them out screaming every night with their sketch. J. W. Beecher sends regards to Miss Estella Clark at Memphis, Tenn. Our cook R. E. S. seeds regards to Miss F. S. M. Washington at Newport, R I.

Budweiser Theatre. The Budweiser at Tampa, Fla., is enjoying the biggest run of success it has had since its opening, and the shows are equal to any given by colored professionals' The stage is ucder the direction of W. Goff Kennedy and W. H. Dorsey as musical director, the result of which is many new and startling innovations. We have a first-class band under the leadership of R. J. Anderson. Billie Reeves and Buddie Glenn are principal comedians closely followed by Sam Davis and Allan Moore. Our bevy of female performers are hard to beat. Among them are Carrie Hall, Bessie Brouthers, Mattie Floyd, Theresa Burroughs, Kittie Brown, Edith Banks, Sallie Boswell, Ella Locust, Essie Thomas, and Katie Cooper. Kid Fox, the dancing wonder is still with us and sends regards to all friends, We wish to hear from Miss Eva Nolan Prince, Henry Fitzgiles and S. B. Foster.

P, G. Lowery's Musical Enterprise, We are now in Missouri with prospects for good business. The company remains the same with the exception of Harry Crosby who has been succeeded by Billie Arnte, the North Carolina Sunbeam, who is doing extra-ordinary with his acrobatic buck and wing dancing and singing "Do You Love Me As You Used To, Miss June?" He sends best regards to all friends and The Freeman. Miss Sallie Lee is bringing down the house with "I'll Keep a Warm Spot in My Heart for You." Mrs. Oma Crosby is still holding her own with "Crockodile Isle. Miss Bessie Higgins, a young bright soubret is making good with "Let Me See You Smile." The old reliable, Arthur Wollige is still with us and always has a funny saying to the old familiar tune of "Rags." Whiten Viney is still doing well with "If That Place Called Heaven Was Mine." J. H. Lewis is rendering "Let Him Without Sin, Cast the First Stone." Prof. Lowery has on sale his latest composition, "Prince of Decora," published by the Marsh Music Co., Decora, Ia.

Capt. Ament's Independent Shows. Carrying 50 people, 25 white and twenty-five colored performers we are playing all the large cities, North East and West, with the Sunny South to follow in the fall. We are now in our fifteenth week with only one losing week and business is continuing to be good. We had six hours layover in Chicago Sunday and visited the Pekin Theatre and had quite a handshaking with professional brothers and everything around the Pekin loyks prosperous, and all who saw our show claim that it is the best of its kind in America. The well-known King has charge of the colored performers and that is an assurance of a good company. His first part can not be excelled under canvas. Our orchestra is under the diretion of Prof. H. Collins, of Philadelphia. "Dreamland" director W. W. Davis. The clever musicians, W. P. Moore, Gus Harris, Henry Freeman, W. Avant, George Clay can be seeen in the orchestra pit nightly delivering the goods. Davis, Harris and Freeman will be seen in a musical act next season Speedy & Moore are big favorites everywhere. Busines picks up the minute they hit the footlights. The Goodloe's singing and dancing act is a positive cure for the blues. The Porters joined us at Urbana, Ill., and are more than making good, in "Dere Ain't Gwine to Be No Rhine."

FROM NEW YORK CITY

Carlilse & Baker are ad lib.

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The Musical Prampins are in town.

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The Globe Comedy Four are at Freeport this week.

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McCarver & Garey are at Happyland this week.

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Miss Sadie Robinsan has returned from Philadelphia.

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George Lynnier is with the Alabama Troubadours.

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Jolly Al Turner can be found at Nail Brothers daily.

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Miss Georgia Dobbs will be seen in vaudeville this season.

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William H. Pierce, the tenor is with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

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Williams & Walker are drawing tremendous crowds to the Grand.

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Jimmie Burris will play "Planter Caine" with the Smart Set Company.

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The Hills are at Hillsdale Pleasure Park this week. McCarver & Citizen are laying off.

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Stella Wiley has returned from London and says that no amount of persuasion could induce Brandon to return.

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George Archer's big act ',The Phi Filipina Girls" will open next week with Miss Mamie Emerson as the leading lady.

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Matt Housley desires the correspondent to deny the report that he is soon to marry. Matt says, "No more for mine!"

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McKissick & Shadney are at Atlantic Garden this week, after which they go to the Jolly Bachelors Company for the season.

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The Famous Whangdoodle Comedy Four, Glenn, Robinson, Wh te and Goodall, are rehearsing with the Vanity Fair Burlesquers.

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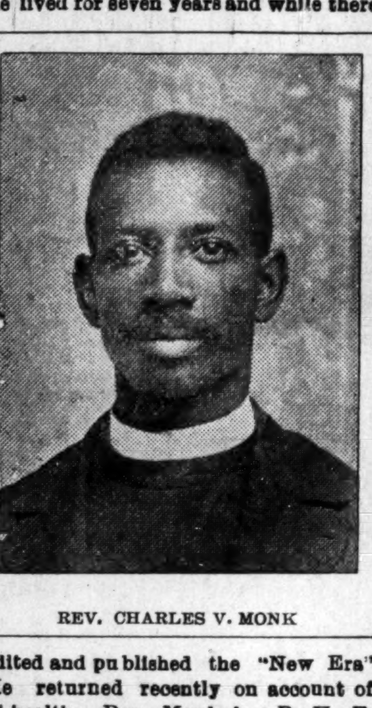

REV. CHARLES V. MONK

edited and published the "New Era" He returned recently on account of ill health. Rev. Monk is a P. U. F. of Unity Lodge, 711, G, U. O of O. F. and at present is traveling and giving lectures on "The Bright Side of the Negro Question," or "God's Latter Day Chosen People;" their past glory and and ancient history; their present excellence and progress, and the grandeur of their future destiny. He is preparing to start a weekly newspaper at Chester, Pa., in a few weeks

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Lux stated that Bishop Turner asked that Bishop Arnett be given a hundred dollars, and Bishop Smith be allowed traveling expense (thirty dollars) which were granted; and in addition Dr T. W. Henderson put in a bill of ten dollars for Bishop Smiths' incidentals in traveling, thus making seventy dollars paid for the bishops' traveling expenses (forty to Bishop Smith and thirty to Bishop Turner). Bishop Smith may down the phraseology, but can't deny the thought expressed, that the giving of a transfer to Mr. Samuel Nance within one week of the conference showed Bishop Arnett's (mental) unfitness to manage the work; of course the bishop does not like to reflect upon his colleague by the fact becoming so public; but don't blame nor falsely accuse Lux just put the alsehood where it belongs. It is a great pity that an excellent business manager, and a good publisher of supplies has been ruined to make a poor and unsuccessful bishop. We trust Bishop Smith won't put as much energy in trying to obstruct light, as he was said to have done in asking, "What are you going to do with immoral men who break up homes?" during the argument on temperance when Dr. W. L Hunter appealed to the people of New York not to support a drunken liquor drinking preacher. Since the bishop is so deeply versed in the character of Ananias will he kindly tell us the difference between the modern and the ancient Anniases.? LUX.

IN NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Open defiance and flagrant disregard for the letter and spirit of the law of the A. M. E. Church seems to be rampant now. The condition is so alarming that it calls for thoughtful action on the part of those who would shield it from the impending fate, that is the natural consequence of outlawry, bigotry and corruption. The entering wedge to this deplorable state was placed when in defiance to the law and precedent, L J Coppin was declared a bishop contrary to the spirit and text of the discipline when he was not legally elected. The gulf has been getting wider and wider, as one act after another in utter disregard to law and the people's rights has been done by those in authority, in different localit'es of our church.

But the one act that for audacity and boldness eclipses anything yet heard of was the recent successful conspiracy, against the decency; intelligence and rights of the mother conference, in the unheard of procedure of picking up Henry Y. Arnett, (the bishop's son), recently ousted from a political job in the treasury department, it is reputed, under circumstances that wou'd not stand the light of investigation, and ordaining him in the New York Conference to the deaconite, although it is a question whether he ever served any time as a local preacher.

After ordination he was transferred immediately to the Philadelphia Conference and given a first class appointment that had been left without a regular pastor for nearly two months, until this man could be "made a preacher," although there were elders in good standing left without appointments. Some who had education, gifts and graces, (except being a bishop's son); equal if not superior to him. The very fact that such a plot and conspiracy could be hatched and carried out successfully shows that the men, with but few exceptions are either dupes or cowards in the New York and Piladelphia Conferences. As a preacher remarked to me, "Say, ——, if the men stand for that thing, they are a set of fools."

It is reported that one bishop refused to hold the conference when he understood that this crime against decency would be perpetrated. Another living within a stone's throw of the conference refused to attend any of the sessions, saying he couldn't endorse such a proceeding. A bishop's son should come up like any other man.

All fair-minded and honest persons will look beyond the man to the principles in this outrage. For some time this young man has been traveling as the bishop's private secretary, and like a parasite (through his advantage as a bishop's son), has succeeded in having large amounts paid to him, that otherwise the poor missionary preacher would have received. In the "role" of Bishop Coppin's private secretary at the last session of the Philadelphia Conference he received $40 00, although the conference had no more right misappropriating the funds intended to relieve the wants and distress of the poor missionary preacher, and giving it to this young man, than they would have to steal the conference moneys and pay the bishop's private chambermaid.

I do not write this letter with any animus. God forbid! But this grand old church is my church, born in it, mother and father in it before me. I love it as I do my life and am jealous of anything that will harm and defile it. But the court of public opinion is the only court available at this period. Tyranny, cowardice, graft and corruption are so firmely enthroned now where justice and right should be, that one might as well "sue the devil and hold the court in hell," as to try to get a respectful hearing and consideration in advocating reform on the conference floor.

The grave question is: 'What will the church come to if bishops and general officers, with the aid of dupes and cowards shall be allowed to unload rakes, misfits, boken down and disceditted politicans and degenerates on it at liberty in total disregard to prosperity, decency and justice?" It's time the whole connection should wake up and begin to plan for reform legislature before it is too late. More Anon.

FRATER.

REPLY TO FRATER IN ISSUE OF JULY 21.

Editor The Freeman:—

In your issue of July 21, there appears an article from some one who hides his identy under the nom de plume of "Frater," which grossly and maliciously misrepresents the Philadelphia conference, which held its last session at York, Pa., in May.

Every public man, organization or gathering is subject to just criticism, and any of these which cannot stand the light of scrutiny had best get from before the public eye. Just criticism is expected, but those who criticise must tell the truth. It is a bad thing to speak a falsehood, worse to write it down, but above all it is wicked to put it in cold type and give it to the world. The writer of the article is either a disgruntled member of the conference, some one woefully ignorant of the conditions and general sentiment of the Philadelphia conference, or willfully malicious.

The first statement in the article is that there is such "wide spread dissatisfaction in the ranks, that in a few years, unless there is a reform, this body will lead in a movement which will be as significant as the great national movement in politics against corruptions and graft," and that their are "subdued muttering" which indicate these conditions. There are about one hundred and fifty names excluding the evangelists on the conference roll, of this number nearly one hundred are in the traveling ministry and were present at the last annual conference and we challenge the writer produce the names of ten men in this whole number who are in any degree dissatisfied to the extent and for the reason his article states. Nay, we challenge him to produce the names of five men, in good and regular standing, who feel any such dissatisfaction as he would attempt to deceive the public into believing exists.

At the rise of the conference there were four or five men who were not not satisfied with their appointments. This, however, is no new nor uncommon thing in any conference, black or white, nor in any organized body. I have been a member of this Conference for the past fourteen years and met one of its sessions during that time, and have seldom seen a more harmonious session, nor the men as a whole, more satisfied with the work done by the conference. The few who were dissatisfied were not so on account of misappropriation of conference funds, nor graft, nor any abuse of power by those in authority, as Frater expresses it, either by direct charge or inference in his article, but they were not satisfied with their appointments, not receiving what they wanted, or believed they should have had, but as we have said we do not believe in the one hundred men ther were over five that felt this. And of this number we could not name one who is not loyal to the conference. The man who possibly felt he had the most reason to be dissatisfied with his appointment, is a quiet reasonably law-abiding christian gentleman and entertained no such feelings as expressed in Frater's article.

Another false statement in the article is that free speech is at the expense of a man's living. There never has been a man in the fourteen years I have been a member of the conference, who has been prevented from making any speech, criticism, or stating any truth he had the manly courage to stand up and assert. The Philadelphia Conference is not composed of a set of cowards as Frater would have the world believe, who are under the domination of tyranous bishops, who weild a sceptre, or crack a whip to which we cringe like truckling curs. In this conference are old, true and tried veterans like Gould, Stansberry and Davis who stand on the Conference floor and say about what they think. The work of the conference is done from the initative of the men, and not from the bishop. Anything which belongs to the Conference to do, must be done by the vote of the conference. The bishop in the Philadelphia Conference has, and exercises his disciplinary right, and no more.

It is a libel to say or to infer that there has been any disposition during the last two sessions, the one ot York and the one at Reading, referred to by the writer, on the part of the bishops to carry things with a high hand. Bishop Arnett presided at Reading. It was the unanimous verdict of the men that his whole manner and disposition was not only to act fair, but fatherly and kind and do as we believe he always has, work for the general upbuilding of the church. One statement made at the conference at Reading by Bishop Arnett is sufficient to show this: "I know," said he, "that you must do all you can, and should, to raise the conference money, but let no man suppose he will gain my approbation by dragging every dollar to conference and leaving his family in need; his first duty is to his wife and children." On account of the illness of Bishop Arnett, Bishop Coppin presided at the last session. All who know him are aware that he is by nature a kind hearted, genial man. He could less afford that almost any bishop on the bench to have acted tyranically, for the reason that he was presiding in the very conference where he had for years served as pastor; most of us knew him better as Rev. L. J. Coppin, than as Bishop and would have not had the least hesitation in checking any usurpation on his part. But the truth is there is absolutely nothing dictatorial about the man. He is firm and decisive, but broad, generous and sympathetic.

Reference is also made in the article to the use of monies, the amounts given the Bishops and Wilberforce. The $200 appropriated to Wilberforce, was not graft, nor corruption, but money given to a needy institution, or the Church's money used for the Church's purpose, giving it to one of her most sacred causes. The money presented Bishop Arnett at the conference was a small amount compared with the desire of the Conference to show their sympathy and good will toward their stricken leader, who had given his life to the upbuilding of the Church. His regular expenses, by nurses' attention, doctor bills, extra comforts, etc., had no doubt been nearly double what they would be under ordinary circumstances. It might have been the last time we would have the opportunity of doing a kind act as a conference for our Bishop, and who would be mean enough to charge graft for this act of kindness to what we believe is a dying man of Bishop Arnett's worth. The money pain Bishop Coppin was not one-third the sum which has been the custom to pay a bishop who took up his colleague's work during the last decade. There is not a man who knows Bishop Coppin, and will do him justice, who will not say that he would rather make any sacrifice and give, than defraud or misappropriate a penny of the Church's money. Unless we are very much mistaken, the general church is indebted to him now for private funds of his own expended when he was in the foreign field.

We have neither time nor space to take up the figures and show how Frater distorts facts as to the use of conference moneys, besides we have not the figures of the last Conference before us, as the minutes are not out and we are too far from the records to have access to them, but one illustration will suffice. Frater says there are fifty-four under-paid preachers on the conference roll, to whom, after this wasteful expenditure of money of which he speaks, there was only left to be disbursed, $160.00. Anyone reading this must come to the conclusion that the $160.00 was the only amount these fifty-four men received to supplement their salaries. The truth is that of the fifty-four, if there were that many under-paid preachers in the conference, nearly one-half of them had received aid from the missionary committee, as I, with my own hands, paid out over two hundred dollars as the chairman of that committee, besides all this these men had very nearly all been helped during the year from the Ladies' Mite Society which had paid out at least two hundred dollars to these same men, so instead of these fifty-four under-paid preachers having only had $160.00 divided among them, and being robbed by graft as Frater would maliciously try to make the impression, they actually had nearly $600 given to help supplement their meagre salaries.

The A. M. E. church is not a perfect organization; its Conferences like all human agencies, have defects, but they will never be remedied nor helped by falsehood and misrepresentation ,nor sensational newspaper articles.

The Philadelphia Conference, nor the bishops who preside over it, fear to have the fullest light thrown upon their transactions. Every dollar, however used, was appropriated by the recommendation of an honest, competent committee and a fair, free vote of the conference.

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COMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

The fairness and freedom allowed the members of the New York Conference on its opening day will stand as one of the marked features of this conference, but the complications and net-work into which the conference had been allowed to drift for the last three sessions would tax any bishop and even disgust the one Bishop H. M. Turner. How any bishop would allow the sacred cause of the church committed to his trust to become entangled with such unrighteous cords, has been the talk and mystery for twelve months in high and low circles. Bishop Tanner had announced charges against Bishop Arnett in a District Conference, preferred by one of the leading churches, the bishop of the district had practically retired, but holding on through his son, nobody expected the bishop to be present, but thought some action would be taken concerning the matter. Bishop Arnett had published that he had given over the district to Bishops Coppin & Tanner until relieved by the Bishop's Council, and when the Council sat last January they appointed the strong Bishop Gaines to assist Bishop Tanner, who gave up after he was lead into receiving Dr. Tice into Florida after charges had been given him against Dr. Tice. It seemed as if an effort was made to keep Bishop Gaines out, thus without any acting episcopal head, Prof. H. Y. Arnett issued his conference committees—persons chairmen of committees that had not met the conference. and gave a transfer to Mr. Samuel Nance who was an expelled member of the Baltimore Conference, within a week of sitting of the New York Conference.

No minutes printed for three conferences, though Dr. Tice had been paid upwards of a hundred dollars under the Bishop's direction; no report of the disbursements from last year could be found anywhere, and Prof. H. Y. Arnett, the private secretary, claimed that he had no copy among the Bishop's records, and he could only remember the two hundred dollars paid his father for episcopal electric work, and that after it was brought to his knowledge. Dr. Tice was made the scapegoat for many. In the face of this, the taking of public collections and assessments, and the twenty-five hundred dollars salary paid the Bishop, Bishop Turner put his request that the New York Conference donate him a hundred dollars, which they did, to the sorrow of many when they found there was none for poor and unpaid preachers. Then there was $76 paid Prof. H. Y. Arnett, $20 for himself as private secretary and $56 as his father's office expense, $20 for telegrams, $15 for Prof. Arnett's railroad expense, etc.

Bishop Smith, who was present during the conference, was paid $40 traveling and incidental expenses.

The presence and ruling, especially of two bishops, was a little unfortunate for the work in several incidents. Bishop Smith, while presiding, ruled that the presence of a preacher's name on the roll made him a member of the conference, though it was strongly contended that names were given in by presiding elders for the sake of having reports from work where supplies were used, and that to be members they must be transferred into or must be voted into membership. In the case of Mr. Samuel Nance, Bishop Smith ruled that in so much as the secretary had stated that Dr. Tice returned the manuscripts after adding the name of Rev. Samuel Nance, he (Nance) was no member and could not be transferred.

Bishop Turner ruled on one occasion that unless persons had been admitted on trial they could not be members. The voting of Prof. H. Y. Arnett into the conference and allowing him to be ordained a deacon was a most remarkable feat, after Rev. Parola had said his last Quarterly Conference in Lockport, a few weeks before Conference, gave him license, and P. E. Stewart said he licensed Prof. Arnett in January. As a question of veracity, Dr. Stewart seems to suffer most, as they used him to get Prof. Arnett through, and then rewarded him with the honor of being promoted to Missionary P. E., with the world as his district. Owing to the many complaints against Dr. Tice, the latest being the knowledge of the fact that the money which the railroad paid to Dr. S. T. Tice for the widow of Rev. Taylor, who was killed on the tracks, has never been given her by him, a committee was chosen to forward resolutions to Bishop Tanner and ask him to refer Dr. Tice and his transfer for trial. There was a fight to cut off several men who have received appointments for three conferences consecutively, though not members, and whose morals are very, very questionable, as shown by the court records, and as told on the floor of the conference; but when men in leading charges are not in position to fight these wrongs, the smaller men haven't the courage, though they be clean themselves. These few men will never be able to effect the cure necessary to bring dignity and respect lost through the wrong acts of men countenanced by the authority of the church. This work of correcting the evils must be wrought through outside pressure. Bishops with moral courage could save the great ship of the sainted Allen, which is fast beating itself to ruin upon the rocks, but this would mean an exposure of the system so long in practice, which would mean the seizure of nearly every department of the church because of unbusiness-like methods in the light of real business and modern progress. And that obsolete decision of not going beyond or behind my predecessor as a bishop, this practice of trying to avoid casting reflection upon a colleague is the easiest, most logical upon a bishop possible; and how often must a people, preachers and conferences suffer because of this more regard for a brother bishop than for the sacred cause of the blessed Master?

What are we to understand by those solemn words of Holy Writ that "a bishop must be blameless." The life and record of every bishop who has bad preachers brought into his work, following him, and who transfers bad men out in order to save them, and every bishop that will not drop or refuse to use bad men, is known, and unless something is done soon to right wrongs, some are too aged to live it down or to start life anew. Let the venerable prelates be as great a unit in saving and in doing the best for all concerned, in their prayerful and godly judgment, as they are a unit in not going behind or beyond a bishop, and all is accomplished.

"SIGNS."

REFORM MUCH NEEDED IN METHODIST CHURCHES.

Church organizations of all institutions become public concern, and almost public property, because of their life being so largely dependent upon a charitable public. The object and function of the church make all branches, as integral parts, public property; and as long as the church insists on extending its influence beyond the borders of those who have been converted, or insists on teaching morals, religion, education and economy to the world by didactic, theoretical, or by precept and example methods, just so long as that aim is missed or the privilege abused, the church is subject to external, worldly and ecclesiastical criticism.

The A. M. E. and the A. M. E. Zion Churches are the biggest institutions under the colored people in America, and the fact that they have big evils in systems and practice, which ought to have been blotted out in the past decade at least, is the truth, which makes the public so interested in their cleansing. It is reasoned that if these —the two largest things owned and controlled by the race—are corrupt in their systems and practices, and so non-business-like, what must the less significant ones be. It is poor policy to hide these corruptions, because it gives a true condition of a thing which should stand on its merit, and if these are evils which cannot be corrected, let the public know the truth. If God did not spare the angels that sinned, and allowed His own Son to be put to death in order to satisfy justice, which had been affronted by evil, how can we expect to be in His likeness and favor, and look for the evidence of the Holy Spirit, when we allow such corruption in the church, of all organizations? The key to Divine approval and sincere success is "greater atonement and less apology." Let us take our punishment for corruption as men, and don't be baying in apologies.

When commercial enterprises, civil, political and municipal organizations are correcting, deposing and punishing their grafters and in moral sots, would the church be less manly and hide its face behind the shame of reproach and the terrible reflection of apology? Certain laymen have been discussing how presidents and directors of insurance companies have been punished for making donations of the people's money to political parties; they have concluded that the same legal status will punish the heads and authorities of churches that donate or appropriate church funds for other purposes than what they were raised for. And since so few preachers have the manhood to resist these requests to donate or to appropriate, the method to ask civil and legal aid to call a halt is receiving serious thought.

The A. M. E. Church is far behind in its financial matters. They owe the secretary in Washington quite a sum of borrowed money; but he does not tell the church not to elect more bishops now, as we are not able to pay them. Why is it? He will have been in the office long enough to expect them to make him a bishop; his chances are more favorable now than when he had been scarcely two years in office; the readiness to supply requests has won him favor. The coming General Conference must fully prescribe the functions of these offices and tell what regular bills are to be paid, and leave all irregular and special matters to be passed on by the board before they are paid by the secretary. One of the sad features of these boards, from a business point of view, is the fact that they deal with the balancing of figures, and not with the why and by what authority was this sum spent, and where is the itemized account of this and that bill. It is declared that if some of these departments were legally investigated everybody immediately connected with them would be thrust into "irons."

There are but two departments where traveling is necessary, and those are the publishing and the Allen League. The former is a real business proposition, and in order to dispose of its goods and to secure work, traveling becomes essential, while the head of the League is required to travel in visiting and organizing Leagues. There are departments where thousands of dollars are spent for travel out of the funds, and the office couldn't benefit in any way. Why give the excuse of going to conference after funds, when a registered letter brings the same, and, in addition, having a bishop who has taken the vow to see the law enforced, there to see that all moneys are forwarded as per law? The pastors have just as much right to travel on the dollar money and missionary moneys as general officers have for using funds intrusted to them. The next General Conference must say what officers are to travel at the expense of the department, if any, and what amount will be allowed them. Where is our business and economy along this line?

Let the preachers go to conference determined to have one general board instead of a board for every department, and let their actual traveling expense be paid, and not do as the Financial Board—grant itself so much for each member's traveling expense, which was a hundred per man in several cases. This is why some men fight to get on those boards. Just think of spending $700 traveling expense for one board!

Let the A. M. E. Church be consistent in its connectional finances and have all department money turned into the department at Washington and paid out through the same. In some recent conferences men who were active pastors were left without work for some petty, inexcusable reason, and these men, unable to get ecclesiastical justice, did not so much as ask legal aid to have the law of the church carried out. If the preachers do not get together and check such ungodly judgment, there will be serious times. A New York lawyer has been trying to sue the Conference for his fees as counsel for Bishop Arnett in trying to make the Bridge Street Church receive his son.

Let the church begin to educate its ministry, centralize its theological schools, and let the pew go until the pulpit is elevated. The management of even Wilberforce is most disappointing. Let preachers see that their choice, and not the bishop's, is elected. The bishops should have no will in this and many other matters, excepting to observe the law. Old men, not trained, but financially able to support themselves, should be sent to small places or set back, and the poor ones ought to be supported from church funds, which would be easy if strict business were observed in the use of funds. Why don't the heads begin an internal cleansing, so as to save the cause, and to bring the young, the educated and the moral to the cause of Methodism, instead of cavaling over those who are trying to bring the required change? Every general officer has been elevated and promoted in his election, and if men are not content with this elevation, take them down and out. Let an incumbent remain in office twelve or sixteen years by fixed statutes and be obligated to no man who was paid well for his work.

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Brookhaven, Miss., Aug. 13.
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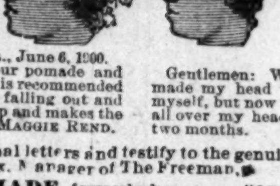

Colvert, Tex., Mch. 31, 1905.
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RHODA EDWARDS.

Atlanta, Ga., June 6, 1900.
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Initial Opening of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

Performers Receive Tremendous Ovation--Reception Tendered John Rucker, the Star.

The initial opening of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels at Washington, D. C., August 4, was a success in every detail, being greeted with large audiences the entire week in spite of the extreme heat. The unanimous verdict of the Washington press was that the Dixies excelled any minstrel that ever played in the capital city irrespective of color. The Washigton Times says in the issue of the fifth:

"The Majestic Theater opened its season last night with 'The Dandy Dixie Minstrels,' a company of comedians and vocalists composed entirely of colored performers. A large audience was present and gave vociferous evidence of approval.

'The entertainment consists of a regular minstrel first part, succeeded by an olio. In the former, four good comedians participated, assisted by chorus and orchestra. James Crosby ner Wanted,' and Campbell Brothers contributed the usual colored walking gentlemen act. The whole show was bright, with plenty of comedy, and the vocal features are rendered with spirit."

The Washington Times of the same date says:

"That's the real thing they have down at the Majestic this week. Genuine ragtime, rhythmic clog dancing, new jokes elicited by a traditonal interlocutor from facial-contortion-expert end men, melody that brings memories of the corn fields down in Georgia—summed up in a single phrase that is stereotyped yet expressive, and true in this particular case, the entertainment that opened the season at the Majestic Theater last night is old-fashioned minstrelsy mighty well done.

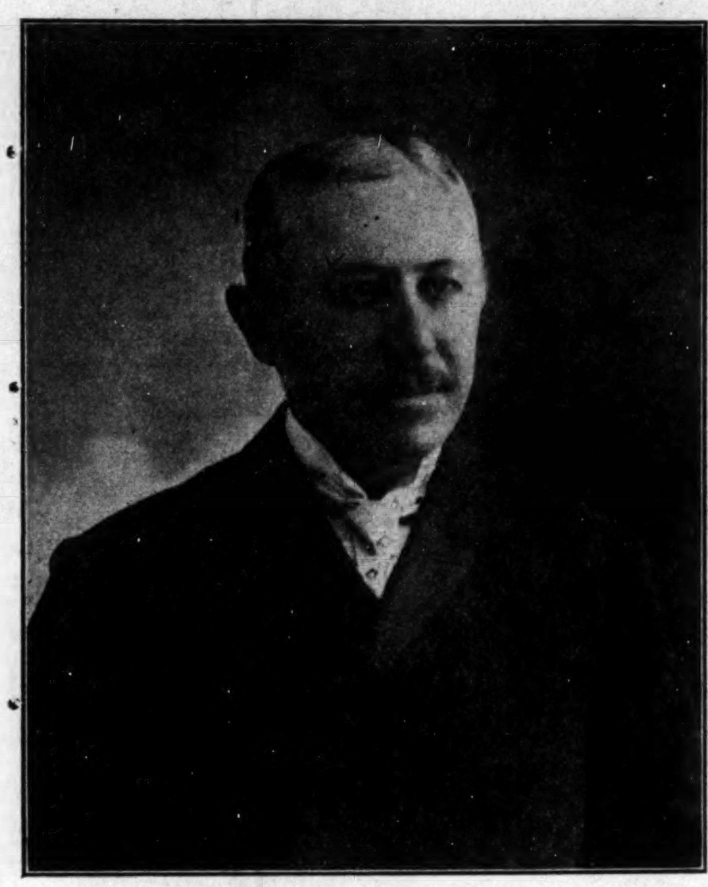
"It is worth the price of admission just to hear 'Old Black Joe' as sung leading dramatic critic to be the nearest thing to grand opera this side of the $5 seats. Crosby also deserves particular mention for his graceful dancing. His ability in that line should win commendation even from George Primrose.

"Bunk Campbell's 'Be Back in a Minute,' Manzie Campbell's 'Diana, Come Kiss Your Baby,' H. S. Wooten's 'I Wonder How the Old Folks Are at Home,' and Benny Jones' 'If the Man in the Moon Were a Coon,' all received rounds of applause.

"The olio following the straight minstrelsy is very satisfactory. Mack Allen did some balancing stunts on a slack wire that puts him in the front rank of vaudeville performers in his particular line. John Rucker, featured in the program under his well-known sobriquet of 'The Alabama Blossom,' gave a very creditable and exceedingly well accepted turn. The tity."

over the performance that they went to the manager stating their desire to express personally their delight at having witnessed the performance. The manager of the Majestic informed Mr. Nolan that he was indeed gratified to have opened his house this season with this company. On account of the large number of olio features our manager has closed with much regret the Spiller Musical Trio. The hour and a half parade story is a myth and is absurd.

On August 10, a grand reception was tendered John Rucker, the star, and his wife, at the Brunswick Hotel, by the Sir Knights of the District of Columbia and other cities, and the Chapter Sisters. The committee in charge escorted the guests of honor from the theatre in carriages to the hotel where they were received by the Sir Knights in uniform. The committee were B.



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in 'I Don't Know Where I'm Going, but I'm on My Way' provoked the strongest marks of hilarious appreciation and he was ably assisted by John Rucker, in 'All Wise Chickens Follow Me,' Bunk Campbell in 'I Be Back in a Minute' and Charles Williams in 'The Sun am Shining, Why Don't You Go.' The most effective songs of a sentimental nature were 'I Wonder How the Old Folks Are at Home,' by H. S. Wootson, and 'Old Black Joe' by L. E. W. Banks.

"The principal feature of the olio was Mack Allen, a slack wire performer. This work challenges comparison with the best, several of his tricks having the merit of novelty. The Toney Trio put up an interesting acrobatic number, John Rucker appeared in some of his characteristic songs and dances, Williams and Stevens furnished some music and comedy under the guise of a sketch, 'A Part- by J. E. W. Banks. 'All Wise Chickens Follow Me' was, of the new selections, easily the hit of the evening. It was sung by John Rucker, the 'Alabama Blossom,' in his inimitable style, and brought down the house (which, by the way, was remarkably well filled). Second to Rucker in the audience's favor was Charles Williams, who made a big hit with his 'The Sun Am Shining, Why Don't You Go?' It should be observed in passing that Williams is a comedian of considerable merit and his well sung songs were happily accentuated by his irresistibly funny stage business.

"James Crosby, the star bones, sang, 'I Don't Know Where I'm Going, But I'm On My Way' in a manner that, while perfectly satisfactory from the standpoint of ragtime, also challenges comparison with the work of soloists in a Negro opera troupe that only last winter was declared by a other features were Williams and Stevens, in a humorous skit; the Tony Trio, in an acrobatic performance, and the Campbell Brothers, in an amusing song and dance specialty.

"The performance, which, by the way, is advertised as the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, served to open the Majestic Theater for the season of 1906-7. The same attraction will continue all this week. Manager Ira J. La Motte has had the attractive little playhouse down on Pennsylvania avenue tastefully remodeled and made as comfortable and cozy as one could desire. The entertainment he has selected for his first week is decidedly worth while. The company is not very large

An unprecedented incident was the large attendance of the female contingent of the opposite race. A box party of society ladies were so enthused but exceptionally clever—it makes up in quality whatever it lacks in quan- F. Pope, Eminent Commander; C. D. Freeman, Grand High Priest; George S. Newman, P. G. E. Commander. The ladies in charge were: Mrs. Dolly Jones, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Munroe.

During the reception Prof. Leach's Dixie Orchestra played a number of popular selections. After the ladies had retired the gentlemen went to the smoking room. Mr. Rucker responded to the toast, "Our Colored Thespians" in a few well-chosen words. "Our Company" was responded to by Will H. Pence, the interlocutor and Mr. Rucker's private secretary. Speeches were made by prominent men of the District and among them were: Richard Gates, P. E. Commander; J. D. Jones, attorney-at-law; Hon. Calter Vance and Manager Ira La Motte, of the Majestic Theatre. The evening's festivities ended with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

MEETING OF NATIONAL BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE.

Elaborate Preparations for Delegates and Visitors.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug 8.—But a short while remains before President Booker T. Washington will strike his gavel calling to order the next session of the National Business League which convenes in this city August 29th to 31st. It will be a most successful meeting if appearances count for anything and the hosts who journey this way will return to their respective homes feeling that the League was fortunate in its selection of a far southern city as a place of convening this year. Thanks to the commendable activity of local leagues throughout the country, a splendid degree of interest has been manifested for the success of the pending meeting and a healthy stimulus has been given to the citizens of Atlanta and of Georgia in their attempt to make it, if possible, surpass other meetings.

The business people constitute more nearly the bone and sinew of the race's progress than any other class, in a sense, and their combined energies and efforts are far more telling. It is all because they are "doers of the word," and not hearers only. Less than two decades ago the real business people of the race were an inconsequential quantity with little capital and less energy. It is not so now. Their progress has been measured by leaps and bounds so that to-day they stand in the very forefront of race progress demolishing the theory once advanced that the Afro-American could not keep pace with the country's commercial advancement and offering an irrefutable argument to show that he is developing even as any others develop. The space of ten years has wrought a mighty change in the Afro-American's business ideas and ideals. It has trfansformed the dark, dingy, poorly ventilated grocery shop to the commodious, well arranged store with its ample and temptingly arrayed complement of goods not excelled by similar stores anywhere and in charge of business-like and polite people who are not only looking out for the profits that might accrue, but are equally as anxious and desirous that their customers be satisfied. It has completely emasculated the little fraternal societies that met in halls and were composed of a few members who had banded them selves together "to take care of the sick and bury the dead," mostly through collections taken up whenever either one of these misfortunes befell a member, so that to-day in their places we have full fledged insurance companies, in large buildings and ewll equipped offices, with thousands of policyholders and hundreds of employes who do business jam up the same as other people, excepting, of cpurse, the misappropriation of the people's money. It has thrown the spirit of progress into the heart and mind of the bricklayer and the carpenter, the plasterer and the stonecutter, so that they have labored and saved and to-day they have developed into contractors with scores of men working under them while they stay at the office and take orders and their sons and daughters keep the books. It has caused the teamster and the cabdriver to own their teams and to employ men to drive them. It has made the bootblack open up a parlor where his men do the work while he smokes good cigars and overlooks the business. It has evolved the large stocked shoe store from the cobblers repair shop. It has planted a bank on a business street where there was never a thought of one before. These things it has done and many more which shall be told by the people who meet in this town very soon.

OBJECTS.

It would be a waste of words to attempt to show the object and aim of this meeting for the word "Development" is spelled in big, bold letters in every feature of the undertaking. Who is there among us that does not want the race to develop and stamp out the unworthy innuendo, uttered sometimes in some quarters, that we are standing still if not actually retrograding? Surely there is none. But the coming of the League has an additional object or rather it might be said of it that it will be an object lesson. It will show to the southern white man, and to all men, for that matter, that wherever the Afro-American is located he is making progress and is entrenching himself in the business life of that community. It will show that gradually, as the years go by, he is becoming so identified with the country's business interests that he will sooner or later have to be reckoned with as a sonsiderabzle factor in its welfare. And again, the southern Afro-American is to have tangible demonstration of his northern and western brother's community of interest with his own since these two latter are willing to risk prejudice and discrimination to meet him on his native soil and shake the glad hand of friendship with him. It will be good to be at the session.

ARRANGEMENTS

The citizens of Atlanta, responsive to the call of local Secretary, C. M. Howell, and the local league, are exerting themselves to make the meeting a success. Homes are being listed and plans are being devised to make the stay of all delegates and visitors pleasant and interesting. On account of the fact that it was thought that the auditorium in the state capitol would not be large enough to comfortably accommodate the delegates and visitors, the big Bethel church at the corner of Butler street and Auburn avenue has been selected as the place for holding the sessions. The church is large and the acoustics are perfect. It is in the residence section and the great majority of visitors will be located within a radius of five blocks from it. It is easily accessible by all street car lines, the schedules being fast and satisfactory. Objection has been made by prospective visitors to coming over the Southern Railraod on account of the fact that Afro-Americans are compelled to come in and leave from the entrance at the Southern station, or as it is called, the Terminal station, different from that used by whites. There are two direct lines from Washington to Atlanta, the Southern Railway and the Seaborad Air Line. Persons who leave from or pass through Washington en-route, and who might not wish to travel over the Southern, will find the Seaboard a pleasant line. It enters the Union station at which no distinction is made as at the Terminal. The same is true of the Atlantic Coast Line which has connections with other lines that enter the Union station. From the west the Louisville & Nashville, and the Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis both enter the Union station.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The various committees are planning to make the stay of all as enjoyable as can be done under the circumstances. Among the things suggested is an old-fashioned Georgia barbecue to be followed at the close of the session by a banquet or ball. These plans are just now tentative but are being studied. It is more than likely that board and lodging will cost from one dollar to one dollar and a half a day, according to the desire of the individual. The committee will exert itself to see that satisfactory service is rendered to all visitors. Corresponding Secreary Emmett J. Scott, whose successions have been of great value to Mr. Howell, states that, in his opinion, the attendance will be large. All told the outlook seems very promising for a very successful session.

THOMAS H. MALONE.

THE OFFICIAL ROUTE.

The C. H. & D. and the Q. & C. Railroads have been selected as the route by which the Indiana delegation will go to the National Negro Business League meeting in Atlanta, Ga., August 29, 30 and 31, 1906. A special Pullman car will leave Indianapolis August 27, at 4 50 p. m.: Cincinnati, 8 p. m; Lexington, 10:25 p. m., and Chattanooga at 6 30 p. m., reaching Atlanta at noon August 28. Parties desiring to go from Indianapolis or join the party en route can have reservations made, and can secure full information by addressing the undersigned Rates will be a fare and a third, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip on the certificate plan. Arrangements have been consummated to have special car both going and returning. The only additional expense for the special car will be the Pullman fare from the point at which car is taken.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

J. R. Reese, of Pratt City. Ala., has located in the city.

Dr. H. W. Armistead, of Henderson, Ky., will in this city.

Dr. H. L Hummons has returned from New York City.

W. C. Jackson returned to his home at Bowling Green. Ky., last Sunday.

The deaconesses of Bethel A. M. E, church will hold a gospel meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. John W. Norrel attended the National Medical Association at Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. John Starling will accompany her guests, Mrs, Wagner and daughter to Dayton, tomorrow.

Mrs. Effie Freeman attended the reunion of the Roberts-Winburn family at Noblesville last Sunday.

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James H. Lott, the attorney, has been appointed as member of the Republican Executive Committee to serve in the coming county campaign.

Mrs. Ella Peyton, of Mobile, Ala., has gone to Chicago to visit her son, Lewis E. Davis. She contemplates spending two weeks in the Windy City.

Among the prominent Knights of Pythias who attended the conclave last week were: Supreme Chancellor Starks, J. W. Hazlewood, Dr. C. M. Wade, of Hot Springs. Ark., John W. Strauther, Greenville. Miss., Col. J. J. Woodsen, Cincinnati, Ohio.

An excursion for Lexington. Ky., to the Thirty-seventh Annual Fair will leave Chicago, September 9, and arrive in this city the same day en route. For particulars address, George J. Jackson, Traffic Manager, 3310 State street, Chicago, by September 1.

Mrs. Della Pettis, of St. Paul, Minn., who has been visiting friends in the city, was called to New Richmond, O., last Sunday on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, but will return to this city as soon as her sister's condition will permit.

Miss Johnson entertained Thursday of last week at dinner at the Parker House, and Mrs. Lillian Fox, Sunday evening for Mrs. Walter Wright, of Philadelphia. On Saturday Mrs. Baird entertained for Mrs. Wright, and Miss Haskell, of St. Louis, Mrs. Susie Miller's guest.

The marriage of Miss Tennie Robinson and Marion Jones was solemnized at the Catholic church, August 15. The wedding reception was given at the home of Mrs. William Henderson in Muskingum street. On Thursday evening Mrs. Will Jones gave a reception. The out of town guests were: James Robinson, Will Robinson, and Mrs. Paul Evans, of Columbus; Mrs. Steve Moore and daughter, Miss Cordelia Moore, of Covington, Ky.

INDIANA MASONS CELEBRATE

State Grand Lodge Observes its Fiftieth Anniversary

The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the colored Masonic Grand Lodge of Indiana began last Tuesday morning at Odd Fellows Hall, and continued during the week. On the first day Grand Master D W. Cain, of Seymour made his annual address and at night at Realty Hall a reception was held. Dr. J. H. Ward was master of ceremonies and George L. Knox made the welcome address. Addresses were made by G. M. Cain and J. H. Williams, of Rushville.

On Wednesday evening a grand promenade and banquet were held at Tomlinson Hall. Rev. W. H. Anderson, of Vincennes and R F. Taylor, Past Grand Master. Mrs. Navle Coleman Lewis rendered a solo, Thursday there was a picnic at the State Fair Grounds and a big parade. Among the delegates to this session were: Archie Hopkins, W. F. Teister, Julius Johnson and Toliver Hawkins, Crawfordsville; R. F. Taylor, Jeffersonville, and Simon Daniels, Terre Haute.

NEGRO BISHOP IS EJECTED

Forced Out of Pullman Sleeping Car Because White Man Objected

CHICAGO, Special—The Rev. Dr. C. H. Phillips, bishop of the Colored Methodist Churches in Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas and portions of New Mexico and Arizona, and his wife were ejected from a Pullman sleeping car en route to Chicago because a white passenger objected to their presence. After the train crossed the river the conductor allowed Bishop and Mrs. Phillips to return to their Pullman berth. The man upon whose objection they were ordered out of the car was Irving McCrew, a farmer living near Pulaski, Tenn.

The bishop said: "When I purchased the Pullman ticket at Nashville the agent knew I was a Negro. He made no objection whatever. As long as he sold me the ticket the Pullman Company should have protected me."

OLD SOLDIER'S AND CHILDRN'S DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

The State Fair management has fixed Monday, September 10, for Old Soldiers and Children's Day. On this day all old soldiers, all school children under 15 years and teachers in charge of pupils will be admitted to the grounds free of charge. The program arranged for Monday, the opening day, is as complete and interesting as that of any other day of the fair. Excursion tickets will be sold on railroads from points in Indiana from September 8th to 14th inclusive, good for return, to and including September 17th.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

There will be three Indiana people on the program of the National Negro Business League meeting at Atlanta, Ga., August 29, 30 and 31st. Mrs. Belle Davis, Charles Nunn and J. K. Donnell of Indianapolis. A special car will start from this city via C. H. & D., and Q. & C. R. R. The round trip rate will be $ 22 55. Persons desiring to have berths reserved will call or write to Dr. S. A. Furniss, or The Freeman. Those desiring to join the party en route can do so by having reservation of birth made in advance from the above named parties.

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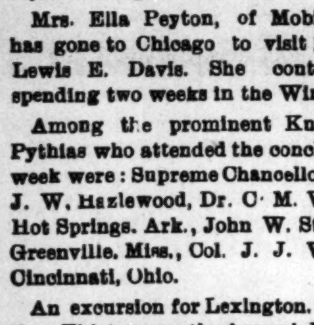

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